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Amir visiting Egypt for important regional talks

KUWAIT, Aug 27. (Agencies): HH the Amir of Kuwait flies to Cairo tomorrow for the first visit by a Kuwaiti head of state in more than 15 years following Egypt's return to the Arab fold.

He will hold talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak that officials from both countries describe as "highly important."

Kuwait's Defense Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad, said in a statement broadcast by the

Kuwait Radio that this would be borne out by the expected result of the visit. He did not elaborate.

Kuwait and Egypt represent more than 90 Islamic and African countries, with the Amir as current chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference and Mubarak chairman of the Organisation of African Unity.

The Amir and Mubarak have been prominent campaigners for international aid to help the

Third World alleviate crippling foreign debts.

The two leaders are also active in trying to solve Arab, African and Islamic conflicts and to strengthen Arab solidarity, Sheikh Nawaf said.

Kuwait's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osaibi, said Amir's visit came "while the Arab world is passing through critical political circumstances."

"The two leaders will discuss hot political and

economic issues on the Arab and international arenas, especially those of concern to the Third World," particularly the Middle East peace process and the Lebanese crisis, he said.

Egypt played a prominent regional role even after most Arab states cut off relations with Cairo after the President Anwar Sadat signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979.

One of the main regional issues at present is the

fighting between Syrian and Christian forces in Lebanon, where Arab League efforts to mediate an end to a 14-year-old civil war have foundered.

The Amir and Mubarak are also expected to review the Palestinian situation and developments in the Gulf a year after a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire halted the eight-year war between Iraq and Iran. Peace talks have stalled.

Other leaders of the oil-rich Gulf Arab states, which provide financial aid to Egypt and the poorer members of the 22-country Arab League, have visited Cairo since Egypt was reinstated in the Arab League earlier this year.

Kuwait re-established diplomatic ties with Egypt on Nov 17, 1987, and Mubarak has since visited Kuwait twice.

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Israeli jets hit Hezbollah base

Fadlallah invites Pope; Don't go — Iran
French fleet pulls back off Lebanon

SIDON, Lebanon, Aug 27. (Agencies): Israeli warplanes pounded a base of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah group in South Lebanon today, killing and wounding five commandos, security sources in the southern port of Sidon said.

It was the first Israeli air raid on Lebanon since Israeli commandos seized Hezbollah cleric Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid from his home in South Lebanon on July 28.

The sources said two planes, which were shielded by two others, flattened a military operations room in the village of Ain Abou Swar, a

Hezbollah stronghold 20 km (12 miles) southeast of Sidon.

Three commandos were seriously wounded and rushed to hospital in Beirut, the sources said, while two others were being treated in the region.

Two Israeli planes also flew over Sidon, a major base for Palestinian commandos, during the 10-minute raid at 7 pm (1600 GMT), the sources said.

France today proposed a three-step peace plan for Lebanon after further reducing its controversial naval presence in the area.

In Jerusalem, a military spokesman declined to say whether the air raid was in retaliation for an August 9 suicide car bomb attack which wounded five Israeli soldiers in Israel's South Lebanon security zone.

The attack was carried out by a member of the Islamic Resistance, a coalition of pro-Iranian groups which includes Hezbollah, in reprisal for Israel's seizure of Obeid.

One of Lebanon's leading pro-Iranian clerics, in an interview published today, invited Pope John Paul to visit Beirut and guaranteed his security in the city's Muslim western sector.

A radical Iranian newspaper today warned Pope not to visit Lebanon, saying that would be "repulsive to Muslims."

The interview was published amid growing speculation in Italy that the Pope could make the visit next month.

Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, spiritual mentor of the Hezbollah who is widely respected among Lebanon's militant Shiites, told the Rome daily La Repubblica:

"We... invite the Pope to West Beirut. Furthermore, we are ready to give him full security guarantees."

In Beirut, a Hezbollah spokesman reached by telephone said Israeli warplanes attacked positions of the Islamic resistance southeast of Sidon and wounded several commandos and civilian. The group's radio station, the Voice of Light, said many civilians were rushed to hospital in Beirut and its Shiite southern suburbs. The station appealed for blood donations to treat them.

French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas said a settlement was possible if the warring parties accepted a ceasefire and arms embargo followed by political reforms and ultimately the withdrawal of Syrian and Israeli forces.

The formula was outlined in the most detailed statement on French policy since President Mitterrand launched a series of "save Lebanon" initiatives on August 12.

Dumas said he was sending a high-ranking official to five Arab capitals to present the plan. Francois Scheer, secretary-general at the Foreign Ministry, left today for Damascus.

He will go on to Beirut and then Saudi Arabia, Morocco and (Continued on Page 7)



On the drug trail

A member of a Colombian police unit climbs on the roof of the home of suspected hit man Jaime Humberto Ancilla in Medellin. Ancilla was

arrested on Aug 25 and is believed to have worked for the Medellin cartel. (Reuter wirephoto) Full report Page 4

Sudan recalls envoy to Iran

KHARTOUM, Aug 27. (Agencies): Sudan said today it was recalling its ambassador in Tehran because an Iranian television programme criticised the policies of Khartoum's military rulers.

State-run radio Omdurman quoted Information Minister Ali Shomoun as saying the recall of the envoy for consultations was the least Sudan could do to protest at what he called Iran's interference in its affairs.

The Sudanese agency quoted Shomoun as saying that the Iranian TV station has attacked the support extended by the Arab and Western states to the coup which toppled the former Sudanese regime adding that this quick support extended by Egypt and by a number of Arab states as well as some Western countries reveals the line of the new Sudanese revolution and uncovers its leaders.

He explained that the Iranian television station attacked the Western stance over the Sudanese coup stands as an evidence that the military coup in Sudan was "premeditated by Western countries and that Sudan was facing ambiguity concerning application of Islamic law, the problem in the south, and the economic as well as the political situation."

He said without elaborating that Sudan's media had so far refrained from commenting on the practices of the Iranian government at home.

Shomoun also said that the commensurate Sudan of pursuing a policy of "ambiguity and lack of clarity" about the economic and political situation, the six-year-old civil war in the south and the implementation of Islamic laws.

The Islamic laws were decreed by former President Gaafar Nimeiri in 1983 and both Sudan's 16 million Muslims and six million Christians and animists were subjected to its harsh criminal penalties.

Sudan's new military strongman, Lt Gen Omar Hassan Al Bashir, has offered to enter peace talks with the rebels with no preconditions, and he said that the fate of the Islamic laws can be decided at the constitutional conference, or if that fails, a national referendum can be organised.

This position seems to have upset the Muslim fundamentalist Iranian government.

NEWSWATCH

Israel probes ex-colonel: Israel, stung by allegations that some of its citizens trained hit squads for Colombian drug cartels, opened an investigation on Sunday into a reserve colonel accused of giving unlicensed weapons training in Colombia.

The head of the criminal investigations division, Yehoshua Caspi, said on Israel Radio that police would probe whether reserve colonel Yair Klein and his security firm Hod Hahani (spearshead) disclosed military know-how without authorisation to unofficial bodies abroad.

The investigation would be carried out at the request of the defence ministry, Caspi added.

Army radio said the charge carried a maximum three-year jail term.

In radio and television interviews, Klein acknowledged training Colombian farmers to use weapons for self-defence but denied any connection with the illegal cocaine trade. (Reuter)



Happy birthday mom

Mother Teresa celebrated her 79th birthday yesterday with a reminder that "the work of love is the work of peace" and the receipt of goodwill messages from around the world. The diminutive Czech born nun arrived on Jan 6, 1929 in India, where she started assisting the needy and eventually established the now-globes Missionaries of Charity organisation.

"Love one another as God loves each one of us," Mother Teresa said in 79 birthday message. "Remember The work of love is the work of peace."

The nun received hundreds of visitors at her central Calcutta residence, which adjoins a food distribution centre and a hospital.

Rise of terrorism: The number of international terrorist attacks rose by 15 per cent last year but state-sponsored terrorism declined, Israel's leading strategic think-tank said on Sunday.

A study by the independent Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies cited 433 terrorist attacks worldwide in 1988 against 377 the previous year.

The 369 people who died in the bombing of a Pan American airliner over Scotland in December accounted for nearly half of the 626 people killed in all attacks last year, the study said.

Anat Kurz, head of the centre's project on low intensity warfare, told a news conference that the centre recorded 408 and 437 terrorist attacks respectively in 1985 and 1986.

Western Europe was the site of 34 per cent, 29 of them by ETA Basque separatists in Spain, and the Middle East 13 per cent. The Middle East's share of attacks has dropped from 18 per cent in 1987 and 20 per cent in 1986.

The study said attacks by agents of sovereign states — mainly Afghanistan and Iran — dropped from 61 in 1987 to 52 last year. State-sponsored terrorism accounted for 12 per cent of all attacks, down from 16 per cent in 1987. (Reuter)

Homosexual killing: A Muslim fundamentalist told investigators he stabbed and beat his homosexual lover to death out of remorse over their illicit relationship, newspapers reported on Sunday.

The reports said, Ahmed Al-Hamouly killed Mohammed Zein Ismail, a student at Cairo's Islamic Al Azhar University from Kedah state in Malaysia, by stabbing him 12 times and smashing him on the head with an iron.

As he rushed from the building, they said, he came across a tenant and stabbed him, wounding him slightly. Police arrested Al-Hamouly on Friday a day after the attacks.

A report in yesterday's editions of Al-Ahram said the motive of the crime appeared to have been robbery because the 20-year-old Malaysian's watch and other belongings were missing. But that newspaper joined other state-owned dailies on Sunday in reporting Al-Hamouly's subsequent disclosures to investigators. (AP)

Iranian shot dead: An Iranian shot in the head by at least one unknown assailant in Cyprus this weekend died on Sunday, and a companion also wounded in the attack, remained in critical condition at the government hospital, police said.

A police statement said Javad Bahman, 33, died a few hours after he was shot as they walked in Armenia street at 10 pm (1900 GMT) on Saturday. (AP) Full Report — Page 7

Lankan rebels kill five: Suspected left-wing rebels shot dead five members of a policeman's family on Sunday and then set fire to their home with the victims' bodies inside, military sources said.

The policeman's mother, sister and brother were among those killed at Walasmulla in Sri Lanka's southern province.

The sources said police found seven unidentified bodies with gunshot holes at Nawalapitiya in the central province on Sunday, a day after 12 more bodies were discovered on a roadside in the same province at Kandy. (Reuter) See also Page 2

Freedom of shareholding in Gulf: The Saudi Foreign Ministry notified the GCC on Sunday that Saudi Arabia had endorsed the principle of free shareholding in GCC stocks.

A statement from GCC headquarters in Riyadh said the Saudi move was in line with a decision taken at the last annual summit conference of the Gulf alliance in Bahrain in December. (AP)

Sheep disease-free Australian livestock cleared

KUWAIT, Aug 27. (KUNA): The Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources announced today evening that competent veterinary authorities have examined all Kuwait-imported Australian sheep and found no symptoms of any diseases.

Animal health department director Dr Sultan Ahmad Al Sultan said: "The authority would like to reassure the citizens that it had examined the sheep and had applied all measures upon arrival of livestock to Kuwait."

He reiterated that the Australian sheep were "free from any disease symptoms... and what had been alleged concerning this consignment was completely untrue."

Dr Sultan emphasised that any sheep imported by Kuwait "is always subject to thorough examination, and it is impossible under any circumstances to bring any sheep or any other livestock to Kuwait for breeding or slaughtering purposes unless it was free from any disease."

Lt. Al-Khalaf and Ali Al-Masoudi said: As many as 60,000 Australian sheep, rejected by Saudi Arabia on the grounds that they had blue tongue and sheep pox, had arrived in Kuwait and have been quarantined for further tests.

In a related development, the Australian government and other industry organisations have supported the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation's decision to suspend trade with Saudi Arabia following the rejection of 2,200,000 sheep last week. This information was relayed to the Arab Times yesterday by an official at the Australian embassy in Riyadh who added: "The rejection of sheep by Saudi Arabia has not caused any political problems, in Australia."

Elaborating, he said the Australian quarantine and inspection department spend \$150 million annually to protect and ensure Australian sheep are free of all diseases.

He added that such diseases as blue tongue and sheep pox are unknown in Australian commercial flocks and do not exist there.

Continuing, he said that a lot of people were hurt because a nation's reputation has suffered. "Our sheep-raising industry's reputation was damaged and a lot of people in the industry will be affected." The official added that the Australian sheep exporters are worried over this issue as they did not know where to divert these shipments.

He said that this shipment was accepted by other Gulf states. "We are happy that Kuwait

accepted the sheep and are also conducting tests to verify whether they are diseased or not," he added.

Qatar yesterday gave a clean bill of health to 35,000 sheep that it had earlier said were found to be carrying Maltese fever, another malady the Australians say does not exist in their sheep raising industry.

Oman also stiffened sheep tests on a consignment of 7,000 live Australian sheep which arrived yesterday.

A veterinarian told the Arab Times that a person consuming meat infected with sheep pox and blue tongue will have fever which may also result in vomiting. Brucellosis also commonly known as Maltese fever when transmitted to humans can prove fatal in some cases, he added.

Although it is the end of the month, when the government employees receive their monthly salaries and begin purchasing their essential commodities, including meat, the activity at the retail and wholesale market, both located in Shuwaikh were very quiet.

Prices of Australian meat ranged between 600-700 fils a kilo at the retail market. Wholesale company that bought the controversial Australian sheep, have

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Indian police fire on rampaging Kashmir mob, three die

SRINAGAR, Aug 27. (Agencies): At least three Buddhist protesters were killed today when Indian police opened fire on a rampaging mob in the Himalayan town of Leh.

Police said they had imposed an indefinite curfew on Leh, the biggest town in the Ladakh region of Kashmir, India's only Muslim-dominated state. Muslims are a minority in Leh but have increasingly taken over much of the town's commerce.

At least 30 policemen were hurt, mostly by stones thrown by protesters demanding separation from Kashmir and who want Ladakh to be governed directly from New Delhi. Police said the mob had attacked government buildings and Muslim-owned houses.

Hundreds of Buddhists, demonstrating in the Leh town hurled stones on police who retaliated with tear-gas and cane charges, state government spokesman

M.S. Pandit said.

"When this proved ineffective the police opened fire, killing a young man," Pandit said in Srinagar.

Leh district, which has the same name as its largest town, and the adjoining Kargil district from the Ladakh region where Buddhists make up 85 per cent of the 70,000 population. Muslims comprise 10 per cent of the population and the remaining are Sikhs and Hindus.

Buddhists demand more autonomy for the region in the form of federal rule, alleging discrimination in jobs and development of Ladakh by the Muslim-dominated state government.

The 15-year-old demand remained non-violent until three months ago when clashes erupted between Buddhists and Muslims in Leh and other towns of Ladakh. The two communities have frequently clashed since then.

Ruins of Al plane found

COURMAYEUR, Italy, Aug 27, (AP): Wreckage from an Air India crash 23 years ago has emerged from the ice on the slopes of the Italian side of Europe's second highest mountain, Italian newspapers said today.

The Air India Boeing 707 slammed into the sides of Mount Blanc, which straddles the French-Italian border, on the morning of Jan 24, 1966. The crash killed all 117 aboard, including noted nuclear physicist Homi J. Bhabha, head of the Indian Atomic Energy Commission.

Italian newspapers said today that mountain guide Renzo Cossin on Friday found parts of the fuselage and interior of the plane, clothes, shoes and a bag inscribed with the words "Fly India" on the edge of the mountain's Miage glacier.

Police said they would climb to the site today to examine pieces of the wreckage and determine if some of the remains can be recovered.

The cause of the crash remains a mystery. The aircraft's black box was never found and may still remain buried in the ice. The Alpine winter delayed a search on the mountain until the beginning of the next summer. By then, workers could find only a part of one wing and a piece of the fuselage.

"It would be useless to search now. It is necessary to wait until the black box, if it still exists, emerges from the ice," said Cossin.

The flight to New York originated in Bombay and included stops in New Delhi, Beirut, Geneva and London. It crashed into the French side of the mountain at the 4,677-metre (15,344-foot) level just 30 minutes after its scheduled landing in Geneva and two minutes after the pilot was given permission to descend to 18,700 feet (5,790 metres).

The pieces of wreckage Cossin found on Friday had been carried by the glacier to the 2,600-metre (8,530-foot) level.

Theories about the cause of the crash centre on a possible fault in the altimeter or pilot error.

Differences remain between India and Nepal

KATHMANDU, Aug 27, (Reuters): The leaders of India and Nepal will meet next month to unravel a trade dispute that has blocked supplies to the Himalayan kingdom, but important differences remain between the two nations, analysts said.

India's Minister of External Affairs P. V. Narasimha Rao left here yesterday after meeting Nepal's King Birendra and arranging a meeting with

India's Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in Belgrade.

Rao told reporters the visit was a big success. "The way ahead for the summit has been cleared, after that we hope for the breakthrough."

But his Nepali counterpart was considerably more restrained.

"The visit and dialogue have taken place," Foreign Minister Shailendra Upadhyaya said in a statement issued

to reporters. "We have agreed to continue the dialogue further."

Rao's visit was the first serious effort to break the five-month old quarrel which has brought severe economic hardships to landlocked Nepal, one of the world's 10 poorest countries.

Relations deteriorated in March when India shut down fuel supplies and closed all but two border crossings for Nepali imports when the two sides

failed to agree on terms for renewing expired trade and transit treaties.

The impact on Nepal was shattering, causing widespread shortages and forcing fuel-starved factories to close down.

Nepal reacted by ending duty-free privileges for goods from India, which until then accounted for 40 per cent of its total imports.

Nepal wants India to reopen the 13 border transit points closed in March

so imports can return to normal. But Rao made no commitments on that, a senior Nepali journalist close to the government said.

"The visit was designed as a publicity stunt because of the coming elections in India," he said.

New Delhi was outraged when Nepal bought anti-aircraft guns from China last year. India argues that a 1950 Treaty of Peace and Friendship gives it

a big say in Nepal's security affairs.

Nepal bought the Chinese guns after India air-dropped food over Tamil areas of Sri Lanka in 1987 against the expressed wishes of the Sri Lankan government, one Nepalese source said.

"We felt insecure after that and bought a small number of anti-aircraft guns although we know they are not enough to stop the Indian Air Force," he said.

Chandraswami blamed 'New twist in Singh's affair'

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times Staff

NEW DELHI, Aug 27: While Indian dailies continue with contradictory reports about the authenticity of documents linked to opposition leader V. P. Singh's alleged foreign bank account, the Sunday Press today speaks of the mastermind behind the allegations, and a possible new twist in the affair which grabbed the headlines in the national press last week.

This revolves around a letter by President Sese Seko Mobutu of Zaire alleging that Indian politicians received kickbacks, the Sunday Mail, quoting the ruling Congress (I) Party strategists, said.

The letter, expected to be published soon, would be the next missile against Singh, blustered the Sunday Mail.

The Arab Times report of Aug 20, quoting Indian political sources, suggested that Singh illegally obtained funds, which he later placed in a foreign bank, through commodities deals, including the one for copper from Zaire, sealed in 1985.

Tracing the origin of allegations against Singh, the Sunday Observer, an independent weekly, without quoting any sources, charged Chandraswami, an Indian influence peddler, as being the man who circulated the allegations to the press, including the Arab Times.

Chandraswami is the kingpin in the blitzkrieg on Singh's Janata Dal Party, contends the Sunday Mail.

Amid wide speculation about allegations against Singh, an underlying feature of the complex Indian political scene, namely the questionable loyalty to the party both in the ruling Congress (I) and the opposition, is coming to the fore.

Surprised that Singh had learnt about accusations against him before they were made public, the Congress (I) Party leaders, suspect there is a mole in their ranks, the Mail said.

Singh does not make any bones about it. In his letter to Rajiv Gandhi he said he learnt from the prime minister's inner circle of the plots to discredit him.

But even in his own camp there is concern about the "neutrality" of some members of Sin-

gh's Janata Dal.

The alleged involvement of Chandraswami, who is said to be close to some of Janata Dal's top leaders and at the same time reportedly exerts substantial influence in the ruling party, does little to dispel fears of betrayal in both camps.

The Sunday Observer claims Chandraswami sought to involve a bank in the Caribbean Island of St Kitts because Singh was supposed to visit the island on Sept 16, 1986, while he was finance minister in Rajiv Gandhi's government. That is the date when first of the six deposits were allegedly made to the account that was purportedly held by Singh's son Ajaya. However, the visit was cancelled, the fact which Chandraswami overlooked, according to the paper.

The weekly goes on to say that Chandraswami showed documents of Singh's alleged bank account in the First Trust Corporation in St Kitts to Anil M. Khan, an MP and former Congress (I) member who defected to Janata Dal.

Khan told the Arab Times that he learnt about Singh's alleged account last year from his own sources. He immediately informed Singh, he added.

He vowed to quit politics if the documents are proven to be genuine.

The authenticity of documents is hotly disputed in the daily press. Quoting George Maclean, the former managing director of the First Trust Corporation in St Kitts, the pro-government Hindustan Times claimed the account number 29479 did exist. This was allegedly the number of the account held by Singh's son Ajaya.

The pro-opposition Indian Express countered with claims attributed to Maclean's former secretary Anne Sorensen saying that all accounts at the First Trust Corporation Ltd, which ceased to operate last year, had six digits. She also disputed the authenticity of the bank's stamp on the alleged bank statements published in the press here.

Meanwhile, Rajiv answered V.P. Singh's charge that the prime minister was plotting to kill him by ordering tighter security for the opposition leader. Instructions have been issued to increase the number of security guards at Singh's residence.

Call for a new Lanka govt

COLOMBO, Aug 27, (Agencies): Sinhalese radicals called today for a weeklong anti-government strike, despite a peace overture by major opposition groups advocating constitutional reforms and fresh elections.

Sinhalese-language posters put up in Colombo by the radicals called for the strike to begin tomorrow.

Messages apparently posted by pro-government groups said anyone who heeded the strike call would be treated as a traitor.

On Saturday, five major opposition parties appealed to the government and the radicals to end their war.

"Fear stalks every home and peace is a thing of the past," a statement issued by the parties said. "Despair, gloom and fear pervades the entire country. The slaughter, disappearance and arrest of our citizens and the escalation of crime have become a way of life."

Demand

The statement demanded fresh elections and the establishment of a provisional all-party government, which would include the radicals, to replace the government of President Ranasinghe Premadasa.

There has been no response to the call from Premadasa, who was elected last December. His United National Party won a majority last February in a parliamentary poll.

Among the signatories to the document was Srima Bhandaranaike, the former prime minister and leader of the main opposition Sri Lanka Freedom Party, which holds 67 seats in the 225-member Parliament.

Other signatories were the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front, which holds 10 seats, Sri Lanka Muslim Congress with four seats and the United Socialist Alliance and the Mahajana Eksath Peramunawith Party three seats each.

Only the Eelam Democratic Front, a little more than six-month-old and holding 13 seats, did not sign the joint appeal.

The United National Party holds 125 seats in Parliament. "The economy is plummeting rapidly and the prices of essentials are rocketing up," the statement said. "The executive presidential system and the President have totally failed to prevent disarray in public life."

Political observers in Colombo attached great significance to the statement, saying it heaped criticism primarily on the president.

"It's cleverly intended to isolate President Ranasinghe Premadasa from other members of his government and voices the feelings and fears entertained by the latter," one analyst said.

He added: "Moreover, all signatories to the appeal are parties with close and cordial ties with India."

Killings

Premadasa, who assumed the presidency nine months ago, has come under criticism for his handling of the country's ethnic crisis, which is threatening to plunge the republic into a civil war.

At least 5,000 people have been killed in a two-year-old campaign by Sinhalese ultranationalists.

Officials say 1,130 of the killings have taken place in the last six weeks. Human rights organisations and opposition politicians say many of the victims have been suspected radicals shot after capture by security forces.

On Friday, at least 20 villagers were shot and killed in Tirapam, 165 kilometres (100 miles) north-east of Colombo, after the parents of a soldier were shot and killed by suspected Sinhalese radicals.

Residents in Anuradhapura, 20 kilometres (12 miles) from Tirapam, blamed the attack on soldiers, and said it apparently was to avenge the killing of their colleague's parents.

Military officials said five people were killed yesterday when unidentified gunmen ambushed a convoy of Sri Lankan and Indian soldiers near the town of Vavuniya, 215 kilometres (135 miles) north of Colombo.

The officials said they were unsure who was responsible for the attack.

Search for Fokker

ISLAMABAD, Aug 27, (KUNA): Search operations to locate the Pakistan International Airlines Fokker plane, which disappeared seven minutes after take-off from Gilgit Airport for Islamabad with 54 people aboard on Friday morning, proved unsuccessful again today.

A PIA spokesman said that due to bad weather operations started 96 minutes late and were suspended about three hours before sunset.

In all six sorties were carried out in the air by planes and helicopters of the Pakistan Air Force, the Army aviation, the PIA, the United Nations observers group from Jamnui and Kashmir State and the Agha Khan Foundation.

The areas scanned by air include the Ladakh Valley and the Nanga Parbat area. Search planes flew in Nanga Parbat area on the basis of information given by two British trekkers who said they had seen a plane flying near a glacier below Nanga Parbat on Friday morning. They have volunteered to join the search operations.

Tropical storm Felix

MIAMI, Aug 27, (UPI): Forecasters at the National Hurricane Centre turned their attention to tropical storm Felix in the far eastern Atlantic today, as the remains of Hurricane Erin spun through the north Atlantic.

Felix, which formed as tropical depression Friday and reached tropical storm strength yesterday, was expected to turn to the northwest on a path that would take it out of harm's way.

"It hasn't strengthened. It is the same strength and it will probably be turning to the northwest and not be of any concern to people in the western Atlantic," said Hal Gerrish, a hurricane forecaster at the centre.

"There is a possibility, depending on its path, it could strengthen a little bit," he added. "It depends on how fast it turns."

Loiterers to be shot

NAIROBI, Kenya, Aug 27, (AP): In an effort to intensify the war against poachers and bandits, President Daniel Arap Moi has ordered game rangers to shoot on sight people loitering in Kenya's national reserves.

"We want tourists to enjoy peace and tranquillity now prevailing within the country. Anyone found loitering in the parks shall be shot," he told a public meeting yesterday at the Indian Ocean port city of Mombasa, 487 kilometres (304 miles) southeast of the capital, Nairobi.

"Some people have brought great shame to Kenya by killing innocent people at game parks," Moi said.

World renowned conservationist George Adamson and two Kenyan assistants were shot dead Aug 20 outside Adamson's camp in northern Kenya's Kenya National Reserve.

Prosecutors to charge

HAMBURG, West Germany, Aug 27, (AP): West German prosecutors are preparing to charge a former US soldier with high treason for his alleged role in an international spy ring that sold NATO secrets to the Soviets, a magazine reported yesterday.

The Hamburg-based "Der Spiegel" magazine said the soldier would be the first time in West German history that a foreigner would face such charges.

According to the Spiegel report, federal prosecutors in Karlsruhe are preparing to charge Clyde Lee Conrad with "treason in an extremely grave manner," following a lengthy investigation.

Conrad remains in investigative custody in a West German prison following his arrest last August.

Unfair criticism

MONTREAL, Aug 27, (Reuters): Movie director Brian de Palma yesterday called criticism of his controversial film "Casualties of War" politically motivated, saying he believes Americans need to be reminded of the horror of the Vietnam war.

"People who criticise this film usually have their own political agenda," De Palma told reporters at the Montreal World Film Festival. "It has very little to do with what's shown on the screen."

The movie, which opened in theatres last week and was quickly denounced by Vietnam Veterans' Groups, is based on a real-life incident in which a young Vietnamese woman was abducted, raped and murdered by a group of American soldiers.

Homes blown

LA PAZ, Mexico, Aug 27, (AP): Hurricane Kiko blew down homes and trees with 115-mile (185-kilometre) per hour winds and unleashed downpours today after striking the southeastern coast of the Baja California peninsula.

Officials said there were no immediate reports of injuries.

Former Italian railway chief killed

REGGIO DI CALABRIA, Italy, Aug 27, (AP): Assassins today ambushed and killed a former president of the Italian National Railroad who was forced to resign because of a multimillion-dollar scandal.

Investigators said two or three killers, firing high-caliber pistols and possibly a sub-machine-gun, gunned down Lodovico Ligato in the driveway of his southern Italian seaside home. The gunmen then fled on a motorcycle.

Ligato, 50, was shot at least 20 times, investigators said.

The Italian news agency Ansa said Ligato also was shot twice at close range to make sure he was dead.

Investigators said the killing apparently was the work of the Calabria region's Mafia-like criminal organisation. So far this year officials say the organisation known as



Shop talk

Political dissidents Tsai Chen-lung (left) chats with Luo Yi-shih shortly before boarding a plane bound for the United States after they were expelled from Taiwan today. The pair both based overseas have been blacklisted in Taiwan for promoting independence for the island. (Reuters wirephoto)

The storm, headed across the peninsula toward the Pacific, hit hardest at La Rivera, population 4,000, located 75 miles (120 kilometres) south of La Paz, said Luis Ignacio Cortez Telachez, assistant state government director.

"There were homes of thin wood and laminated cardboard that blew down," he said. "They had palm or cardboard roofs that blew away. Trees, antennas, electrical poles fell."

Silent march

WASHINGTON, Aug 27, (AP): At least 5,000 civil rights demonstrators, men, women and children in white, marched quietly upon the US Supreme Court and the Capitol yesterday to protest recent court actions.

The Washington March was "concerned with one issue alone—desegregation and its recent hostile decisions diluting affirmative action and minority set-aside programmes," said Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP).

But the tone and style of the protest, led by six drummers with muffled drums, was fashioned after a march in New York City 72 years ago to protest segregation and the lynchings of blacks in the south. On that occasion, W.E.B. Dubois led 4,000 people down Fifth Avenue, many in silence, their day, too, the men dressed in black and the women in white.

Gang violence

LOS ANGELES, Aug 27, (UPI): Three people were killed and four others were wounded in weekend gang violence, including a man gunned down in the parking lot of a restaurant near Los Angeles international airport, authorities said today.

The dead also included a 17-year-old boy killed Friday night in a car-to-car shooting between rivals that embroiled two sheriff's deputies.

The latest gang shooting left one man dead in the parking lot of the Proud Bird Restaurant near the Los Angeles international airport yesterday, detective Bill Humphrey said. Another person was slightly wounded in the shooting, he said.

The Friday night shooting began as two uniformed sheriff's deputies in a marked patrol car pulled up next to two cars of gang members, Deputy Roger Horn said.

New UN office

KATHMANDU, Aug 27, (Reuters): The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is opening a new office in Nepal to cope with an influx of refugees from Iran and Afghanistan.

The UNHCR chief of operations for Asia and Oceania, Sanjay Kumar, today signed an agreement at Nepal's Foreign Ministry to open the office, which will also coordinate the UN agency's activities throughout South Asia.

"Ndrangheta has murdered 90 people in the province, including 35 in this city of 90,000."

Ligato was a lawyer, journalist and former parliamentarian from the dominant Christian Democrat Party who was appointed president of the railroad system in 1985. He resigned last November in the wake of a corruption scandal involving a \$120-million contract to supply disposable sheets for sleeping berths.

He denied any wrongdoing, but in his letter of resignation cited the criminal investigation as one of the reasons for his decision to resign. Ligato was under investigation for corruption and had been interrogated as recently as last May in Milan.



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Satellite rivals battle for ratings

LONDON, Aug 27 (Reuters): Britain's two rival satellite broadcasting companies are squaring off for a multi-million-dollar ratings war but viewers are sceptical about television's much heralded new dawn.

British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB), whose Marcopolo 1 satellite was launched from Florida's Cape Canaveral today, faces Australian-born media magnate Rupert Murdoch's Sky Television, on the air since February.

Neither network is finding the home for the British living room easy or cheap.

There is also stiff competition from the established networks — the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and Independent Television (ITV).

BSB is funded by a group of 10 shareholders, including Australian brewing tycoon Alan Bond and Pearson PLC, which owns Britain's Financial Times newspaper.

They have already put up 424 million pounds sterling (\$665 million) and must find a further 400 million pounds (\$628 million) early next year, making BSB Britain's second biggest privately launched project after the Channel Tunnel.

Murdoch has spent 75 million pounds (\$120 million) on Sky in the five months since it was launched and will spend that much again before the end of its first year.

Sky estimates its losses at around two million pounds (\$3 million) a week. Sales of satellite receiving dishes for the network's five channels of news, sport, films and entertainment got off to a slower than expected start.

"We would hope to be in a break-even position in three years on a month-to-month basis," said Peter Stehrenberger, finance director of Murdoch's media group News International.

Sky expects to double the number of dishes installed to more than one million by February next year.

But even at that figure its audience will be tiny compared with BBC and ITV, whose soap operas regularly attract around 18 million viewers.

BSB was due to go on the air next month. The launch has been delayed until early next year because of technical problems with receiving dishes and the microchip used to decode transmissions.

Sky believes it has benefited from being on the air ahead of its rival but concedes that many viewers may be waiting for BSB — which is also offering five channels — to get started before deciding which satellite service to buy.

Viewers who want both systems will have to buy two sets of receiving equipment.

The advent of satellite broadcasting has prompted warnings from the television establishment that the fight for views will bring a rash of downmarket and pornographic programmes to British screens.

Colin Shaw, director of the government's watchdog Broadcasting Standards Council, has said satellite broadcasters might turn to sex films "when the money runs out."

Murdoch says television should be subject to the laws of supply and demand.

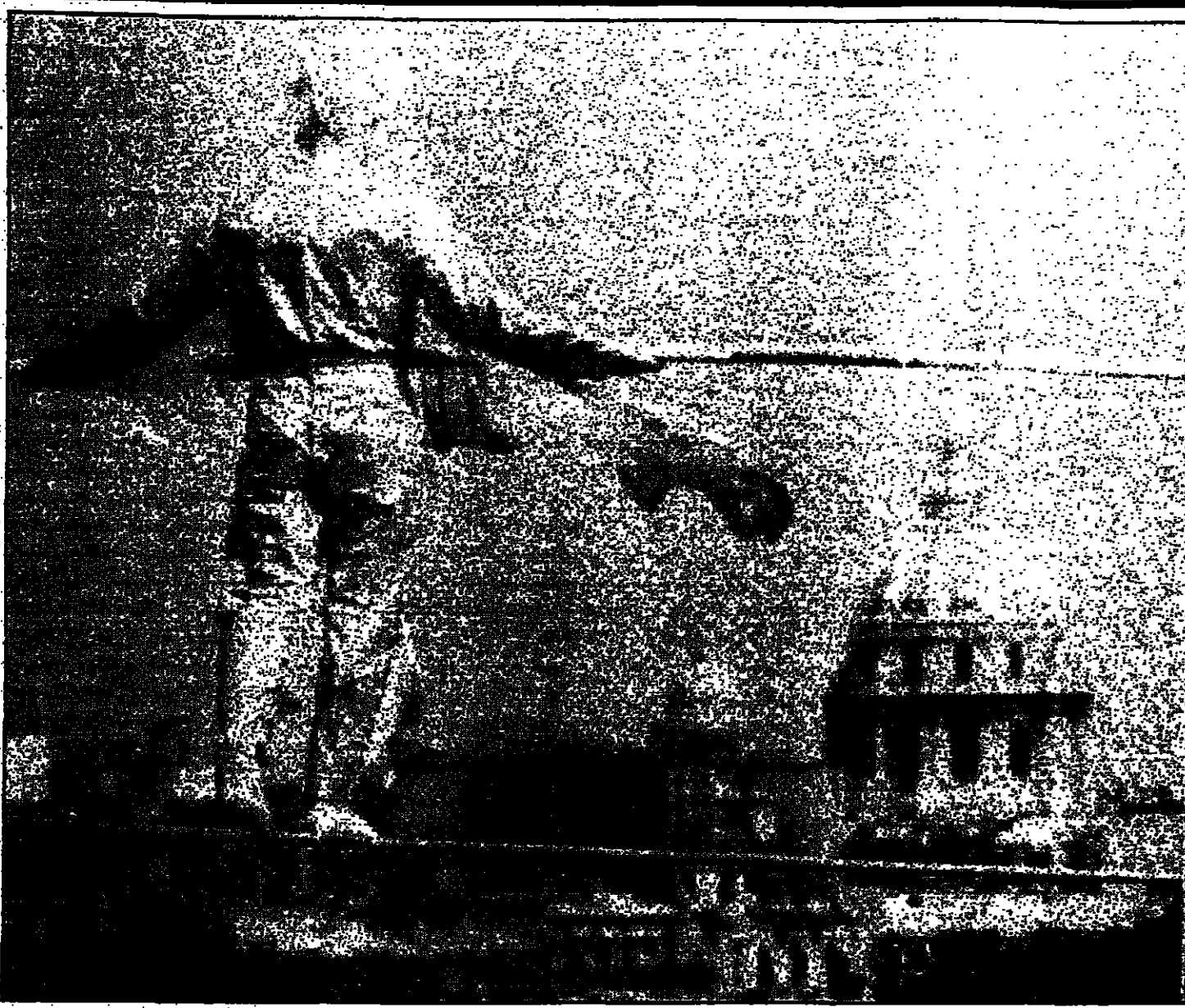
Driver admits car heist

NEW YORK, Aug 27 (AP): The driver of an armoured car that was robbed earlier in the week of \$500,000 has confessed to the robbery and the shooting of a guard who was critically wounded, authorities said yesterday.

Wycliff Warner, 26, of New York City, shot his partner in the head Tuesday and made off with the money, according to police spokesman, Sgt. Ed Burns. A friend of Warner's, Cuthbert Joseph, 28, was arrested Friday. Police recovered all but \$200 of the stolen money in the Bronx borough apartment of Warner's girlfriend.

The wounded guard, Billy Mackworth, 30, remained in critical condition at Jacobi Hospital, Burns said.

Burns said Warner fabricated the initial version of the robbery Tuesday outside a Marine Midland Savings Bank in the Hunts Point section of the Bronx. Warner had said two men and a woman staged a traffic accident to get him to open the truck door.



Petit crosses the River Seine from the Trocadero to the Eiffel Tower on Saturday in Paris. The Invalides dome is shown in the background. (Reuters wirephoto)

High-wire act wows Paris

PARIS, Aug 27 (Reuters): "My feet are sore," complained tightrope stuntman Philippe Petit, white-faced and exhausted after a 50-minute walk on the high wire over the River Seine to the Eiffel Tower.

The 40-year-old Frenchman had just crossed the river by way — pacing along a 700-metre (yard) cable slung between the right bank's Palais De Chaillot and the second floor of Gustave Eiffel's Iron Lady on the other side.

"My head was full of pure and beautiful things, I felt a profound joy, almost like a child, an engulfing elation," Petit said afterward, looking windswept and tired but triumphant.

"The hardest part was not letting my joy suppress the control I needed to continue. I was invaded by a joy that was almost dangerous because I had my life in my hands."

Up to 10,000 Parisians packed balconies and stood on river banks, bridges and barges to applaud his unprecedented walk on yesterday.

One hundred metres (300 feet) above the Seine, he knelt, lay and performed gymnastics on the 29-millimetre (1.1 inch) wide steel wire,

pausing to rip off a silvery flying suit and emerge in a rainbow-coloured trapeze outfit.

Fighting gusting winds of up to 13 miles (21 kilometres) an hour, Petit seemed to tire in the last stretch of the walk, a 16-degree uphill climb from the belly of the high wire.

But he stripped off his slippers and covered the final metres barefoot, sliding down a rope onto the tower.

The stunt, the longest in Petit's career, was authorised by Paris authorities to commemorate the declaration of human rights, adopted 200 years ago by the revolutionary French parliament.

As a cannon boomed from tower's first floor, Petit set out from the Palais De Chaillot Esplanade, dedicated to human rights, holding a copy of the historic declaration.

When he reached the tower, he handed Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac the declaration, kissed his seven-year-old daughter Cordia-Gypsie and told reporters:

"I was invaded by a kind of joy, which in fact was the most dangerous thing, as I was holding my life in my hands. I was afraid I would be too happy and lose concentration."

"Such moments of purity and beauty only

come to you up there," added Petit, who had dyed his hair to match his costume.

"It was terrifying. I guess I was more terrified than he was," commented one onlooker, British tourist Vicki Jewell.

Petit, who lives in New York, said he planned to walk across the Grand Canyon in Arizona next summer. His other exploits have included a tightrope walk between the twin towers of the Notre Dame Cathedral and between the towers of New York's World Trade Centre.

He has been arrested more times than he cares to remember for unauthorised high wire walks but says he is determined to continue persuading the public to gaze skywards.

"Nowadays, we're living in a century where no one ever looks at the sky — I want to lift onlookers' minds and spirits by drawing the most beautiful pictures in the world up there."

Petit also complained that his tongue was sore but did not make clear whether this was due to his loquacity or just biting it in anxiety during his stunt over the Seine.

The walk was the highlight of celebrations marking the bicentennial of the declaration of the rights of man.

Newman film in a spot Hostage in protectionist mess

PARIS, Aug 27 (AP): The producer filming a movie starring actor Paul Newman said yesterday that the film has been taken hostage in a protectionist squabble between the United States and France.

Work on "Mr and Mrs Bridges," directed by James Ivory and starring Newman and his wife Joanne Woodward, continued yesterday on private property and so was not immediately affected by Mayor Jacques Chirac's decision Friday to suspend all authorisations for shooting of US films in Paris.

But the film was to move to a public bridge over the Seine river today, and producer Ismail Merchant

said it was not entirely clear whether the production could go on.

"We got a call this morning from Chirac's office saying it was okay. Then someone else called saying something else. When you are working with huge stars and only have six days here it makes things very difficult. It's like being hostages," said Merchant in an interview in the bar at the Raphael Hotel, one of the locations in the film.

The movie — by Merchant-Ivory productions, who also made the international hit "Room With A View" — was scheduled to shoot until Thursday throughout Paris.

Trip may unravel Earhart mystery

FORT WALTON BEACH, Florida, Aug 27 (AP): A new expedition spurred by the theory of two retired military fliers will be mounted next month to try to solve the mystery of Amelia Earhart's disappearance, a Florida newspaper reported yesterday.

The pioneering flier and her navigator, Fred Noonan, vanished 52 years ago in the South Pacific on a 2,556-mile (4,113-kilometre) leg of their attempted flight around the world.

Two men from this Florida panhandle city, Tom Will, 62, a former US Navy pilot, and Tom Gannon, 69, who had been a US Air Force navigator, last year persuaded the International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery, or TIGHAR, that they had the navigation clues to solve the mystery.

The organisation plans to send a 20-member expedition that will include Will and Gannon to the Fiji Islands on Sept 4, said Richard Gillespie, executive director and search team leader for the Delaware group told the Pensacola News Journal.

Theories

There have been numerous theories to explain Ms Earhart's disappearance, including speculation she was captured by the Japanese and executed as a spy. Will and Gannon believe she may have come down on Nikumaroro Island, then known as Gardner Island, about 1,600 miles (2,600 kilometres) south of Fiji. They base their theory on a study of her flight plan and other information.

They contend winds may have blown the plane southeast of its destination, Howland Island, toward Nikumaroro. With only two hours of fuel left, Ms Earhart and Noonan decided to fly south toward Nikumaroro because they knew there were no other islands to the north of their flight path within range of their remaining fuel, Will and Gannon contend.

"We're just amazed that nobody ever figured this out before," Gannon said. "The whole thing was a navigation problem. I guess it took two navigators to hopelessly solve it."

Although it was widely thought the US Navy searched the island, Will and Gannon said they found out that float planes from the battleship USS Colorado flew over but no search party ever landed there.

Clues

They have found other clues including the reported discovery on the island of a female skeleton wearing American shoes in 1938, the year after Ms Earhart's July 2, 1937, disappearance.

In the four days after she vanished radio operators at different locations picked up 24 transmissions made in a female voice and on Ms Earhart's frequency. When plotted, the transmissions cross at Nikumaroro, Will and Gannon say.

"We have always stayed away from the Amelia Earhart thing," Gillespie said. "We're a non-profit aviation archaeological foundation, and there are so many theories about Amelia Earhart that aren't credible."

But, Gillespie said, he changed his mind after spending a day with Will and Gannon as they unravelled clues based mainly on celestial navigation techniques that he described as a lost art. Those techniques, he said, are what Ms Earhart and Noonan relied upon in the days before electronic navigation systems.

The expedition is expected to last through the first week of October and cost up to \$250,000.

OSLO, Norway: Lina Ullmann, daughter of Swedish movie director Ingmar Bergman and Norwegian actress Liv Ullmann, was married Saturday to a 34-year-old Oslo, Norway lawyer.

Both Ms Ullmann's parents attended her marriage to Espen Tønnesen at a ceremony in Uranienborg Church.

The wedding was performed by Eivind Eldvåg, a Norwegian priest and pop singer who also sang one of his own songs "I See." (AP)

ATLANTA: A judge has extended a ban on distributing an album ex-Beatle Ringo Starr recorded in 1987 but now wants kept off the shelves.

Starr says his drinking problem marred the album. Record producer Chips Moman and CRS Records, based in College Park, Georgia, say the record could make \$3.5 million if released while Starr is on his current US concert tour.

Judge Charles Cooper, who earlier banned distributing the album for 30 days, on Thursday extended the restraining order until Starr's lawsuit to kill the album is tried, possibly in October.

Starr recently underwent treatment for alcoholism and said in a deposition filed this week that he and the other musicians often drank during the recording sessions in Moman's studio. (AP)

MEXICO CITY: Mexico's most famous living painter, Rufino Tamayo, is having his first exhibition in the Soviet Union, the government news agency Notimex said Saturday.

It said Tamayo, who turned 90 on Saturday, will attend the opening of the show Tuesday in Moscow. A total of 125 works, including paintings and drawings, will be on exhibit in Moscow throughout the month of September, Notimex said. (AP)

LONDON: More than a million people are expected to attend the Notting Hill carnival in West London, Europe's largest street event, over the next two days.

The carnival is being organised by a new body which has placed greater emphasis on its money-making potential.

Video cameras have been mounted along a stretch of the motorway through the area.

The extravaganza, which will be enjoyed by a vast majority of visitors to London, has been in the past marred by violence, muggings and drug-dealing.

The Notting Hill carnival, which began as a spontaneous event among the predominantly West Indian community of West London, has now become a major cultural festival in the capital's calendar.

Two years ago it was hit by a murder, the stabbing of a policeman, 1,161 reported crimes and 250 arrests. Last year there was less violence. (AP)

'Archaeological coup'

Tomb to be uncovered

LONDON, Aug 27 (KUNA): A British expert sets off tomorrow on a trip to Cairo, convinced he will pull off an archaeological coup by uncovering the secret tomb of one of Egypt's greatest Pharaohs, it was reported today.

For five years, Egyptologist Dr John Rose, 55, studied research gleaned from ancient Papyrus writings.

Now he believes he will locate the tomb of Amenhotep 1, ruler of Egypt's mighty new kingdom, who died in 1508 BC. The Sunday Express newspaper said.

He hopes to discover evidence that it is the burial place of Amenhotep, but he does not expect to find any treasures, because the tomb was plundered long before it was identified as an unknown royal tomb in 1900, it added.

His six-week excavations of pyramid-shaped mountain of rock in the valley of the kings is being backed by the Egyptian government.

He and his 10-strong team are being financed by an American university.

MOSCOW: Two Soviet sailing vessels, built along the lines of medieval ships, have ended a two-week voyage from the northern Russian city of Arkhangelsk to Spitsbergen, according to a Soviet report.

The Soviet Archaeology Institute organised the trip aboard the sail and oar-powered craft, according to a report in the newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya, distributed by the Tass news agency.

"The tour was difficult," the report said. "Storms and tornadoes ravaged the vessels. Still, the 14 courageous people managed to reach the remote coast." (AP)

ATLANTA: Prince Albert of Monaco and two fellow members of the International Olympic Committee are touring Atlanta to determine whether it should be host of the 1996 Olympic Games.

Beginning the four-day tour by limousine Thursday, the prince questioned Mayor Andrew Young about the city's recent FBI ranking as No 1 in the nation for violent crime.

"I hate to bring up a negative point, Mr Young, but is there a crime problem?" the prince asked.

"We catch criminals and we put them in jail," Young replied. "That makes our statistics high because we make so many arrests." (AP)

the nickname of "The Big Sky State."

This year's drive will roll southward 60 miles (100 kilometers) in six days from the evocatively named hamlet of roundup to Billings, home of an important livestock market.

Would-be cowhands are coming from as far away as Japan and Australia.

"This drive will not be of the Hollywood

cowboy school, but rather a 1989 drive

which will honour and pay tribute to all the great drives of the past," said Stan Lynde,

an originator of the idea.

The basic plan, as conceived by Lynde, Barry McWilliams and Jim Wempner, was to re-create an old-time drive and let the public help drive the cattle to market, then sell the herd and go home.

City haunted by air crash

W. Germans protest

RAMSTEIN, West German, Aug 27 (AP): The crash of a stunt-flying team one year ago at the Ramstein Air Show has become a haunting memory for survivors and a rallying point for critics opposed to low-level military flights.

Disaster struck on Aug 28, when a flaming jet performing stunts before more than 300,000 spectators, hurtled into a crowd at the US Air Base in Ramstein, killing at least 70 people and injuring about 450 others.

"I have to learn to forget, but I can't because of Karin," says 24-year-old Thomas Wenzel, whose fiancée was among the victims. "I ask myself over and over whether she suffered for a long time or whether she died instantly."

Wenzel was only slightly injured although he stood nearby.

Yet many of the injured suffered severe burns.

Critics insist a lack of co-ordination between West Germans and Americans bungled rescue efforts, while others say compensation to victims and their relatives is being paid at a small pace.

And in the months following

the disaster, "Ramstein" has become a rallying cry for critics of low-level military training flights in West Germany.

About 1,000 demonstrators marched Aug 13 at Ramstein to protest.

The demonstration came despite the observation by NATO and US officials that the Italian Freccia Tricolori Team involved in the accident had nothing to do with the military flights.

"Never again" and "Stop low-level flights" read some of the banners unfurled in the march led by the leftist group "Let Us Not Forget."

The demonstrators also carried 70 crucifixes symbolising the dead.

Later the group watched a mock hearing, complete with five-member jury, that harshly criticized West German and US officials involved in planning the air show.

Ramstein's conservative Mayor Julius Divivier had refused to let the group use the town hall for the event, saying it reminded him of the "show trials" of the Nazi era.

The US Air Force held an anniversary remembrance at the Ramstein base on Friday.

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US plans 35 space exploration missions in next 5 years

PASADENA, Calif., Aug. 27. (Agencies): The United States is entering a second golden age of space research with 35 missions scheduled over the next five years, some to be co-operative efforts with the Soviet Union, NASA said yesterday.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration official Leonard Fisk, speaking at Voyager 2 headed into oblivion after its close encounter with Neptune, told a news conference the rate of missions to be launched is the highest in US history.

The missions include the Galileo probe to Jupiter, scheduled for an October launch from a space shuttle, mission to Mars, the moon, Venus and Saturn and a study of the Earth's environment, he said.

"We are going to be awash in new scientific discoveries," Fisk said at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory where scientists are studying photographs sent back by Voyager 2.

"We plan to continue our space research programme into the indefinite future," he added.

Fisk said the Soviet Union will co-operate with the United States on some of the missions.

"In the past two years contacts have gone from arm's length to doing things together," he said.

"We'll be placing an orbiter about every accessible body in the solar system and producing significant understanding of the planets that we're going to be studying," said Fisk.

Voyager 2's flyby of Neptune on Thursday was the spacecraft's fourth and final planetary flyby before sailing out of the solar system and into the lonely spacelanes between the stars.

During the course of its 12-year, 4.4-billion-mile space odyssey, the nuclear-powered probe explored Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and a host of moons. With its flyby of Neptune, American spacecraft have visited or flown past every planet in the solar system except Pluto.

"In many ways, it's the end of an era," said Fisk. "It's the last time we see a planet for the first time, it's the end of the reconnaissance phase of planetary exploration."

The Voyager 2 mission, then, marks the completion of humanity's preliminary reconnaissance of Earth's home in the cosmos and now, NASA is gearing up to launch a scientific assault: a series of long-term missions that will return far more data than possible with brief, high-speed flybys.

"What is coming up is an era of literally unprecedented excitement and activity," Fisk said.

The centrepieces of the new age of exploration are the planned flights of Cassini and CRAE, an acronym for "Comet Rendezvous and Flyby Mission".

CRAE, scheduled for launch by a Titan-4 rocket on Aug. 27, 1993, will rendezvous and fly in formation with comet Kopff.

Stamp out drugs: Mitterrand

US arrests couple for smuggling Medellin cash

PARIS, Aug. 27. (Reuters): French President Francois Mitterrand yesterday urged the international community to help Colombia and other countries stamp out drug trafficking and rid the world of "agents of death."

In a speech marking the adoption exactly 200 years ago of the declaration of the rights of man and the inauguration of a new human rights foundation, Mitterrand said no compromise was possible with drug peddlars.

"Take stock of the murderous strength of drug traffickers who set themselves up as powers in competition with states," Mitterrand said in a reference to Colombia, where cocaine gangs have declared "total war" on the government.

"Dare to think and say that no compromise is possible with this chain of corruption, these agents of death. Let us organise against them for the defence of man ... and display solidarity with those fighting in the front line."

Mitterrand was addressing an audience of 500 dignitaries at the top of the white marble Arch de la Fraternite, Paris's latest landmark.

He did not mention Colombia by name and made no specific proposals on how Colombian authorities, granted an emergency aid package worth \$65 million by the United States on Friday, could be helped to overcome well-armed and financed drug barons.

The new foundation, named after the Arch, will be headed by former Socialist Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson and dedicated to the defence of human rights.

Its offices are situated on the penthouse floor of the Arch, where leaders of the seven major non-communist industrialised power met for an annual summit in July.

Meanwhile, a couple arrested this weekend surrounded by what one officer called "enough money to bathe in" has been charged with running an operation that transported nearly \$350 million to the Medellin drug cartel.

John Posada, 28, of Medellin, Colombia, and his wife, Deyssi, 26, of Venezuela, were arrested yesterday at their residence outside New York City on Long Island, said Art Stiffel, a special agent with the US Customs Service.

Both were charged with money laundering and conspiracy. Mrs Posada is additionally charged with making false statements for giving police a false name, Stiffel said.

The couple was held without bail at the metropolitan correctional facility in New York City pending a hearing Thursday.

An infant believed to be their child was taken from the home, he said.

He said \$4 million in \$10- and \$20 bills and a money rolling device were confiscated during the arrest. No drugs were found in the apartment.

The arrests came after a week-long probe by the US Customs Department, the US Drug Enforcement Administration, and police.

The couple allegedly had been laundering between \$48 million and \$50 million per year for the past seven years to the Colombia-based Medellin cartel, the world's largest cocaine selling operation, Stiffel said.

The investigation began with the arrest of a courier with \$250,000 in his luggage who was attempting to fly to Puerto Rico from New York's Lagoon Airport, said Stiffel.

He said the operation employed an average of 16 couriers a month, each carrying over \$250,000 in their suitcases.

The bags, some weighing more than 100 pounds (45 kilograms), were filled with money-lined lightbulbs, bug spray cans and toys. They were checked in at Lagoon Airport and shipped



A gunner watches below while flying in a US-supplied helicopter over a ranch owned by alleged cocaine producer Gacha. (Reuters wirephoto)



A Colombian soldier watches over prisoners at the Gacha ranch after it was raided by government troops on Saturday. (Reuters wirephoto)

War won't stop drugs

Dealers hold all the cards

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27. (AP): A sustained drug crackdown in Colombia could eventually cut the flow of cocaine into the United States, but traffickers have too much money and too many tricks to be deterred in the near future, experts say.

"In the long-term we may see a considerable reduction," said Charles J. Gutenson, chief of cocaine investigations for the US Drug Enforcement Administration. "But the problem is the cocaine is already in the pipeline, and more people are using 'crack,' which uses less cocaine."

Colombian drug traffickers process and ship most of the world's cocaine to the United States. Colombia's government, following the murder of leading presidential candidate Carlos Galan, intensified its war on the drug traffickers by confiscating \$200 million in property and making large arrests last week.

In a show of support, the United States on Friday offered a \$65 million aid package to help Colombia with its crackdown.

Traffickers, however, enticed by huge profits and the ready market in the United States, have been hard to stop. Many top dealers are millionaires. And one official pointed out that pilots, many of them Americans, can make hundreds of thousands of dollars for a single flight in a cocaine-laden plane.

"They are cagey," Gutenson said of the traffickers. "They are people who have a lot of money, and they can pay others to take chances."

In addition, the Colombians could shift their operations to isolated areas in neighbouring countries — Brazil, Peru or Bolivia. US presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Friday that US officials are concerned about that possibility.

Robert Strang, a DEA special agent in New York City, said Colombian traffickers in the United States sell their wares in large lots of more than 200 pounds (90 kilograms) at \$8,000 per pound (45 kilograms). On the streets, one pound broken down nets a dealer \$80,000.

"And it's even more for 'crack,'" he said, referring to a form of cocaine that is smoked. "With one ounce of cocaine you can make 370 vials of 'crack,' which means you can almost quadruple your money."

In New York City alone, estimates there are 600,000 cocaine users, more than half of them devotees of crack, Strang said.

Last year the DEA confiscated a record 55 tons of cocaine in the United States, up from eight tons six years ago. But production of the coca leaf is up in Peru, Bolivia and Colombia, the largest producers of the sturdy tree that nets four harvests a year.

Additionally, detection of cocaine has become increasingly difficult as traffickers find new ways to smuggle it across every American border state.

Officials point to the inventiveness of traffickers, who are slipping the drugs into the United States in trucks over the Mexican border, small planes into the southern states, and large freighters that can be loaded at sea.

"We can't search them all," Gutenson said. Smugglers have loaded cocaine at sea from one ship onto another, some from Hong Kong and Japan, and stored the drug inside legitimate shipments of furniture. In one case the cocaine, in liquid form, was hidden inside plastic bags and put into a fish tank.

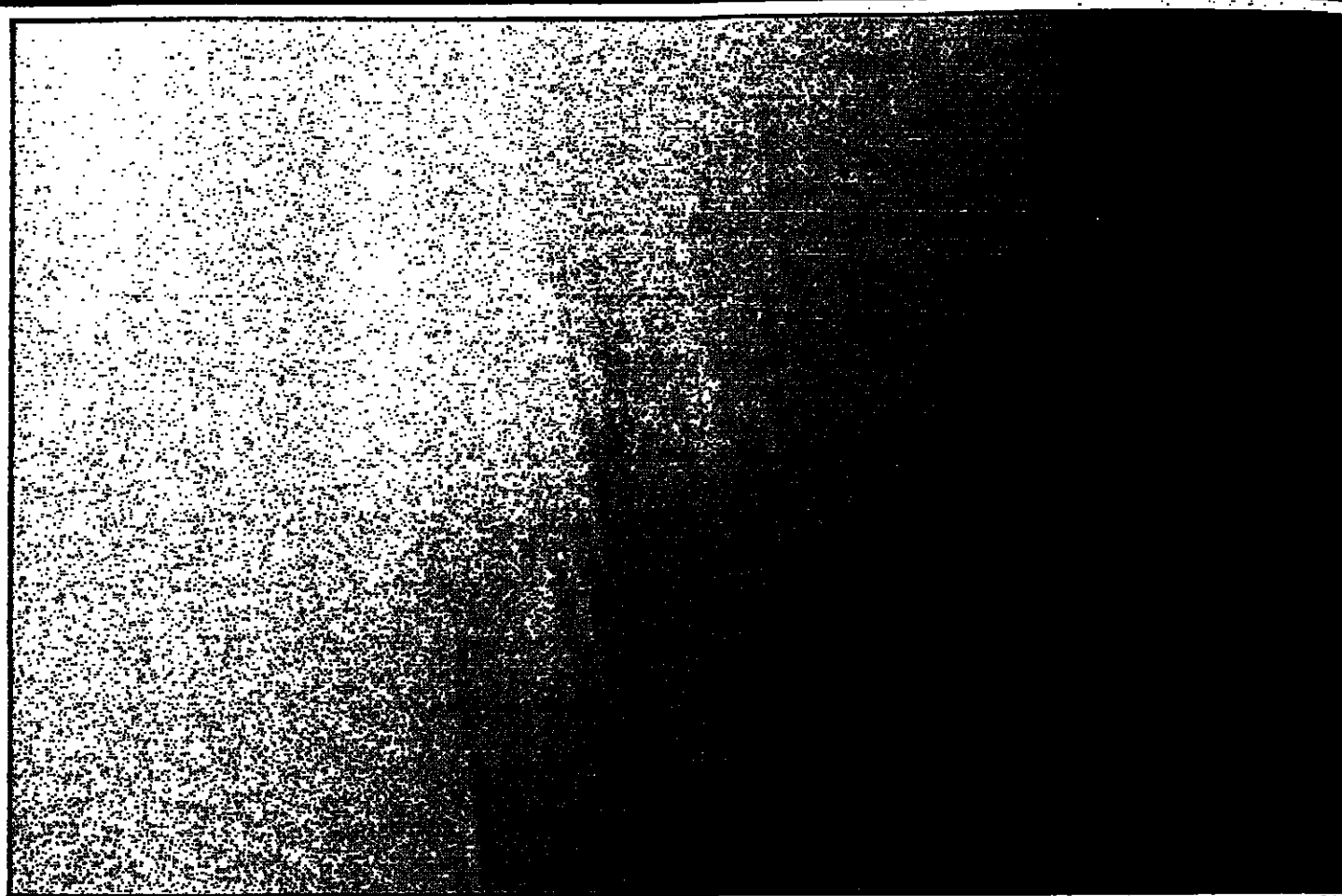
"It was discovered when the fish died," an administration source said, adding that in another incident the drug was neatly and professionally stuffed inside the planks of imported picnic tables.

The distribution chain starts with the large drug cartels in Colombia and then moves to Colombian dealers inside the United States. From there it goes in quantities of up to 150 pounds (68 kilograms) to the "trafficking groups," mostly Jamaicans, Dominicans and Los Angeles street gangs, Gutenson said.

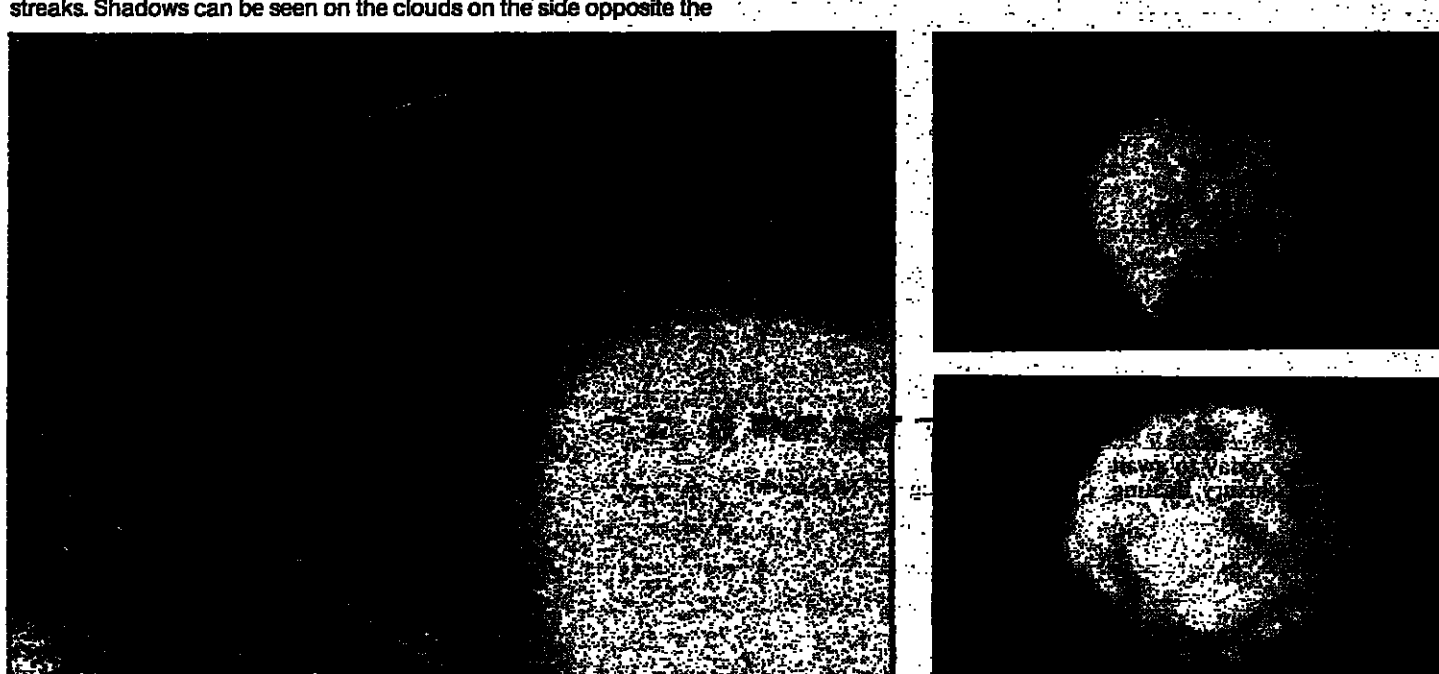
A British warship operating in the Caribbean Sea has been ordered to help US efforts to stop narcotics smuggling, a British newspaper reported and government officials confirmed today.

The 3,600-ton frigate HMS Alacrity has been told to look for speedboats, yachts and small planes which might be engaged on "main cocaine routes into the US," according to the Sunday Express.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said today that during the Alacrity's Caribbean patrols "she will report anything serious of this nature."



This photo, taken two hours before the Voyager 2's closest approach to Neptune provides evidence of vertical relief in the planet's bright cloud streaks. Shadows can be seen on the clouds on the side opposite the sun which is at the lower left of the image. The width of the cloud streaks ranges from 18 to 31 miles. (Reuters wirephoto)



This wide-angle Voyager 2 image was taken through the camera's clear filter and is the first to show Neptune's rings in detail. (Reuters wirephoto)

Voyager 2 tells us more

New rings found around Neptune

PASADENA, California, Aug. 27. (Agencies): Voyager 2 discovered at least one and probably three new rings of icy debris around Neptune, giving the planet as many as five such cosmic strands, along with tumbling boulders of ice — moonlets — imbedded in one ring arc.

University of Arizona astronomer Bradford Smith said yesterday pictures from deep space even show a "hint" of ring-like structure just inside the outermost swath, but "those images have to be processed much further to see what's really there."

The nuclear-powered Voyager 2, departing the solar system after flying past Neptune and its extending nearly 500 miles (800 km) above the extinct ice volcanoes of the bizarre moon Triton.

And other instruments aboard Voyager 2 detected relatively weak Van Allen-type radiation belts around the planet, a magnetic field tilted 30 degrees away from the pole of Neptune's rotation axis and possible signs of aurora like the "northern lights" visible in Earth's atmosphere.

Auroras are caused when electrically charged particles in the solar wind spiral in toward a planet along magnetic field lines. On Earth they glow in visible light. Neptune's light glow ultraviolet because of hydrogen in its atmosphere.

Scientists are ecstatic over the sheer volume of data returned by the intrepid probe.

"It has really been remarkable how well all of these things have worked. You name it, and it all seems to have worked," said project scientist Edward Stone, prompting a round of applause at the close of a news conference.

Voyager's discovery of new rings around Neptune prompted widespread interest, although exactly how many rings the planet actually has was subject to interpretation.

"How many rings can you count in this picture?" asked Smith pointing to a fuzzy photograph taken just after Voyager 2's flyby of Neptune that showed several bands of diffuse light.

Voyager 2 discovered two rings of debris around Neptune as it approached the planet and in the picture released yesterday, a new ring was clearly visible, pushing the total to three.

But the middle ring is a broad swath of debris with a complex structure that Smith believes is, in reality, three separate rings, pushing Neptune's total to five. He said later in the day there is evidence for yet another structure just inside the outermost ring, but that feature is related to the other ring and should not be counted separately.

"It was simple when we had an outer ring and an inner ring," he said. "Now we've got lots of rings."

Earth-based evidence had indicated any rings that might exist around Neptune were complete arcs. Pictures from Voyager 2, however, show the rings probably extend all the way around the planet, although at least one features section that are distinctly lumpy, resembling the partial ring arcs hypothesized before the flyby.

"What we have found is imbedded in that narrow ring are some bodies," Smith said. "The largest and brightest one cannot be any larger than, say, 10 or 20 kilometres (10 or 12 miles wide). They are imbedded right in the ring."

He said Voyager 2 was able to detect signs of six or eight moonlets "in one of the brighter segments of the outermost ring, in other words, in that region we are calling a ring arc" before the flyby.

Smith said he would be surprised if the moonlets did not play some role in the "clumping" seen in the outermost ring.

As for their composition, Smith said, "I think you can refer to them as moonlets. In fact it's certainly a much better term than rocks (because) the most likely composition is ice."

Voyager 2 cruised past Neptune at 0356 GMT Friday, flying by Triton about five hours later in the fourth and final planetary encounter of its once-in-a-lifetime "grand tour" of the outer solar system.

The Neptune encounter will officially end Oct. 2 and Voyager 2, currently 12 years and 2.8 billion miles from Earth, will spend the rest of its robotic life searching for the invisible edge of the solar system, the boundary of the sun's magnetic field and the beginning of the interstellar medium.

Voyager yesterday started sending back its most detailed images of Triton, which is four-fifths the size of Earth's moon. But pictures returned Friday were more than enough to stun scientists.

"The range of geological forms is dazzling," astronomer-author Carl Sagan said on Friday. "We are almost certainly in a regime of volcanism involving ices, maybe exotic ices" such as water ice mixed with frozen nitrogen or methane (natural gas).

The photographs show a cracked, frozen Triton scarred by thousand-foot-high ridges, fault lines, bowl-shaped craters, mysterious domes and dark spots ringed with white halos that so far defy explanation.

"The images returned this morning revealed a world unlike any we've ever seen," Stone said on Friday at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Icy volcanic flows have been seen on Uranus' moon Ariel and some other moons, but Triton is the first place scientists have actually seen icy volcanoes, Stone said. Photographs showed at least three inactive volcanoes. (See also Page 11)

US attack 'expected'

PANAMA CITY, Aug. 27. (AP): Foreign Minister Jorge Ritter warned he fears a "true danger" that the United States may invade Panama soon to oust Gen Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Ritter spoke with reporters late yesterday after returning from a meeting of the Organisation of American States on Panama's political crisis.

The term of the country's acting president, Manuel Solis Palma, expires on Friday and the Washington-based OAS has been unable to break an impasse between the Panamanian government and the opposition on who will govern.

Ritter said the United States has been conducting manoeuvres allowed under the 1977 Panama Canal Treaties, but called them a shield for a possible "invasion".

Cuban minister admits guilt

Seven on trial for drugs

HAVANA, Aug. 27. (Reuters): Cuba's former minister of the interior and six of his former aides have admitted they are guilty of charges laid after a drug-trafficking scandal that rocked Cuba earlier this year, the official newspaper Gramma reported yesterday.

The former minister, General Jose Abrantes, admitted in court on Friday on the second day of his trial that he had been negligent in not carrying out an investigation of the drug traffickers and that he did not pass on "relevant information" to the government and Communist Party leaders, Gramma said.

Abrantes, a state-security expert, has been charged with abuse of authority, improper use of government money and other resources and negligence in carrying out his duties.



Roberto Gonzalez and Rolando Castaneda (right) listen to the corruption charges. (Reuters wirephoto)

Gramma said the former minister "admitted his responsibility for the errors and crimes attributed to him."

The other defendants are: General Roberto Gonzalez, former chief of immigration,

Lieutenant Colonel Oscar Carreno, former chief of customs, Lieutenant Colonel Manuel Gil, 2nd Lieutenant Colonel Rolando Castaneda and Hector Carbonell, a civilian employee of the Ministry of Interior.

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Tear gas fired at boat people

HONG KONG, Aug 27, (AP): Police fired tear gas today to quell Vietnamese refugees who threw stones and injured eight policemen, a police spokeswoman said.

The spokeswoman said the disturbance erupted as police were distributing rice to boat people on the outlying island of Tai Chau. Some of the 1,000 Vietnamese gathered on the pier began throwing stones at police, she added.

Police fired 40 rounds of tear gas to bring the situation under control, said the spokeswoman, who declined to be further identified.

It was the first time tear gas had been used to halt unrest among Vietnamese who fled here seeking a better life, she said.

She said the reason for the disturbance was not known and no one was arrested.

About 5,000 Vietnamese boat people are staying temporarily on the island before they are inoculated and put into detention centres to await screening.

Under a policy adopted in June 1988, Vietnamese boat people will be granted refugee status and resettled overseas only if they can prove they fled political persecution in Vietnam. Otherwise, they would be considered illegal immigrants and face deportation.

About 55,000 Vietnamese are staying in Hong Kong. Two-thirds of them are kept in prison-like centres, waiting to be screened.

Earlier this month, Vietnamese battled each other with iron bars, stones and sharpened objects at the Whitehead detention centre, leaving 17 people injured.

Also in early August, 200 Vietnamese in two rival groups hurled stones at each other at the Shamshipo centre.

Last month, about 200 Vietnamese at Sek Kong camp hurled stones at police who tried to prevent detainees from slipping through holes cut in the camp's wire fence.

Thousands of residents lined the Saigon river today to await the arrival of a luxury floating hotel as it neared the end of its long voyage from Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

The \$70 million hotel—a symbol of Vietnam's new open-door policy—is to be moored along the city's downtown waterfront. Officials hope it will attract foreign businessmen, investors and tourists.

But the Saigon Floating hotel, as it is now called, had a tricky baptism at the mouth of the river and was not expected to arrive until Monday. It broke its tow lines soon after it was shipped from the deck of the semi-submersible lift ship Super Servant, which had brought it from Australia.

There were initial fears that the six-storey, 1,700-ton hotel could be blown like a giant sail into the South China Sea, but tugs brought it under control.

Many here regard the hotel as a symbol of the city's re-emerging spirit after the dark years of economic hardship and tight political control that followed the communist victory in 1975.

Burhan Shahidi, 95, dies

BEIJING, Aug 27, (Reuters): Burhan Shahidi, a Chinese Muslim who was in turn a revolutionary in the Soviet Union, a nationalist diplomat, a suspected German spy and then adviser to the main communist, died today. He was 95.

The official New China News Agency said Burhan died in a Beijing hospital of a heart attack. An ethnic Uyghur, Burhan was born in 1894 in the northwest region of Xinjiang, an area of intense intrigue in the "great game" between Britain and Russia, later the Soviet Union, for influence over central Asia.

Burhan studied in Russia and Berlin. He began his revolutionary career in Moscow in 1933 before serving as a consul for the nationalist Chinese government in Chianin in the Soviet Union in 1937.

He returned to Xinjiang in 1938 but then Governor Sheng Shici, who with Soviet help carried out mass arrests and executions of suspected fascists, accused Burhan of spying for the Nazis and jailed him for several years.

Burhan joined the Chinese communists in 1949. They appointed him their first governor of Xinjiang that year.

Along with many Muslims he was persecuted for his religion during the decade-long cultural revolution launched by Mao Tse-tung in 1966.

Manila to destroy seized guns

MANILA, Aug 27, (Reuters): President Corazon Aquino has ordered the destruction of thousands of guns seized from smugglers and unauthorised holders, including about 150 Israeli-made Uzi assault rifles imported by Philippine Congressmen.

"We have to make a bold move to give a signal to gun smugglers that the government will not tolerate their illegal activities," Aquino said.

There was no official word how many guns would be destroyed but military sources said there were thousands. Officials said they would be destroyed in public but did not say when.

"Uzis should be burned," a presidential spokesman quoted Aquino as telling cabinet officials yesterday.

"We should institute more deterrents against the proliferation of loose firearms. This accounts for the increase in criminality."

The spokesman said Aquino was worried that firearms seized from criminals and unauthorised holders might fall into undesirable hands.

Officials said Aquino's order would include 150 Uzis imported by Congressmen last year and now in army custody.

News reports said they were the first of 600 weapons Congressmen ordered from abroad after army officers nearly toppled Aquino in a bloody coup attempt in August 1987. An investigation later revealed 122 out of 200 Congressmen had ordered from three to 38 guns each.

There were allegations that government funds were used to buy the guns. The lawmakers said they used their own money to buy weapons needed for their protection.

The military says rebels or criminals have about 180,000 firearms. About 300,000 are held legally by civilians and guns are a frequent sight in public places.



Rebel soldiers

A July 22, 1989 file photo of rebel soldiers standing before a military court on charges of involvement in the August 1987 coup attempt against President

Corazon Aquino, the fifth and bloodiest Army mutiny during her presidency. (Reuters wirephoto)

Manila fires commander

MANILA, Philippines, Aug 27, (Agencies): A battalion commander has been relieved and his troops will undergo retraining after suffering a major defeat at the hands of communist rebels earlier this month, the military announced.

Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano announced yesterday that he had relieved Col. Nestor Adaza, commander of the 58th Infantry Battalion, after his troops wandered into a rebel ambush Aug 20 on Mindanao Island.

Eleven soldiers were killed and 12 wounded after the clash in Surigao del Sur province, the military said. Troops also lost firearms and communications equipment in the ambush, Montano said.

Montano said the battalion would be transferred

to camp Evangelista for retraining under a new commander. Another battalion will be deployed to Surigao del Sur province, Montano said.

Battalions here normally have more than 300 officers and men.

A week ago, a platoon of its 58th fell into a trap as it chased a lone rebel through a village and was ambushed by about 100 guerrillas.

A spokesman said today the 600-man battalion also suffered defeats by the rebels in April and May.

Philippine armed forces Chief of Staff General Renato de Villa is at present in Washington to urge the United States to speed up supplies needed to fight the 20-year insurgency.

Chinese begin security checks

BEIJING, Aug 27, (Agencies): Security forces will begin checking identification papers of all Beijing drivers and pedestrians in an effort to round up alleged counter-revolutionaries still at large, the official Beijing daily said today.

Starting on Friday, residents must carry identification papers whenever leaving home "to be prepared for examination," the paper said. Drivers' licences also will be examined.

"Counter-revolutionary elements have not been thoroughly cleaned up and motor vehicles often are used as tools of crimes," the paper said. "Therefore the martial law troops and police must, according to the law, strengthen inspections of motor vehicles and drivers."

The order came after the security presence seemed to lessen recently on streets of the capital, which remains under martial law imposed May 20. Most Army checkpoints on city streets have been removed and soldiers stand guard only at key overpasses, intersections and around Tiananmen Square, where the crushed pro-democracy protests were centred.

However, authorities appear concerned that university students and others who joined in seven weeks of protests for freer and more honest government will use the 40th anniversary of the communist takeover on Oct 1 to stage a protest.

Public anger over the June 3-4 Army assault on the protests remains deep, although most people remain outwardly quiescent for fear of arrest or censure. Hundreds and possibly thousands of people were killed when communist leaders ordered troops to crush the demonstrators, and thousands more have been arrested since, sometimes disappearing without word.

The hard-line officials who led the crackdown have shown no sign of easing their attacks on the ideological front.

Beijing Mayor Chen Xitong and Communist Party secretary Li Ximing instructed local

UK wants fresh HK talks

LONDON, Aug 27, (KUNA): Britain was heading for a new diplomatic confrontation with China just hours after the announcement that the Prince and Princess of Wales will not visit Beijing after going to Hong Kong in November, it was reported here today.

The Sunday Express newspaper said that British Foreign Secretary John Major has ordered British diplomats to seek changes to the draft deal for handing over the colony in 1997.

Major wants new negotiations when officials from the two countries meet next month because the present agreement allows China's leaders to declare martial laws in Hong Kong and send in tanks at the "nearest hint of a protest after the takeover."

Relations between Britain and China have been strained since the crackdown on the pro-democracy movement in Beijing.

Major wants to reassure the six million Hong Kong Chinese that they will not be abandoned when China takes control, the Sunday Express concluded.

Britain's Prince Charles and Lady Diana will visit Indonesia in November as guests of President Suharto, the official news agency Antara reported today.

officials in a series of meetings last week to keep up the fight ceaselessly against "bourgeois liberalism," or Western liberal thought.

They ordered leaders in all work units to "mobilise the masses to make reports and expose clues to counter-revolutionary elements."

Beijing residents say there have been relatively few cases of neighbour reporting on neighbour, as was common in the 1966-76 cultural revolution and earlier political campaigns. They say many work units are quietly covering for members who took part in the protests, and even some people are reported to be dragging their feet in making arrests.

"The greatest danger in inspection work is to pause, to treat big matters as small and let small matters go, to give up half-way," Li told one meeting, the Beijing daily reported. "Our party and nation still face a life-and-death problem."

National Party chief Jiang Zemin and Education Minister Li Tieying also showed concern about the mood on campuses by visiting students at one of the capital's leading schools, Qinghua University.

Sunday's national and local newspapers quoted Jiang as assuring a group of Qinghua

students in a four-hour meeting on Friday that the party's current policy of classing intellectuals among the working class would not change. During the first decades of communist rule, intellectuals were not classed with workers but were vilified as bourgeois.

Jiang said most students are fervent patriots, but that they lack political experience and too easily become conceited over their successes and discouraged over obstacles.

Accused by demonstrators of nepotism and corruption during months of pro-democracy protests, the children and spouses of China's top leaders have all quit their business jobs, according to an official report.

The New China News Agency did not name individuals but said relatives of top Communist Party and government figures had resigned yesterday, before a September 1 deadline.

The ban on business links was ordered by the party central committee in July and applies to the children and spouses of about 20 top leaders.

A Chinese youth, facing expulsion from South Korea as his visa expires, appealed today for Taiwan to accept him as a political refugee who would face punishment at home for anti-government acts.

Malaysia rescues smuggled babies

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 27, (AP): Police and immigration authorities were investigating reports that at least 10 Indonesian babies had been smuggled into Malaysia's Sarawak state for sale, an official said today.

Deputy Home Affairs Minister Megat Jumaat Megat Ayub told reporters in Tanjung Malin, 150 kilometres (90 miles) north of Kuala Lumpur, that a regional defence corps team had rescued 10 Indonesian babies in a raid, the national news agency Bernama said.

It said the babies, ranging in age from a few days to two months, were rescued on Thursday at Santin, about 30 kilometres (19 miles) from Kuching, 870 kilometres (540 miles) southeast of Kuala Lumpur.

The infants, kept under a shelter for drying coconuts, were rescued before they could be sent to buyers, but one died from heat, it added.

It said 10 people were detained and two more escaped into nearby forests in the state on Borneo island.

The babies were taken to the government hospital in Kuching.

Many babies have been smuggled in from Thailand and sold in peninsular Malaysia. Authorities have rescued some smuggled babies and sent them back to Thailand, and others are in hospitals waiting to be identified and picked up by their mothers.

Venezuela's new cabinet

CARACAS, Aug 27, (Reuters): Venezuela's new cabinet was sworn in today following President Carlos Andres Perez reshuffling of his six-month-old government, presidential sources said.

All the cabinet members volunteered their resignations on Friday night, the sources said.

"The acceptance of the resignations does not imply in any way judgment about their merits and much less about their honesty and the will and effort they devoted to their jobs," the sources quoted Perez as telling the packed ceremony

Aquino feels more secure

Relationship has improved

MANILA, Aug 27, (Reuters): Two years after surviving a bloody coup attempt, Philippine President Corazon Aquino is feeling more at home with her military and appears to face little threat of another revolt.

Military leaders and foreign political analysts say her relationship with the army has improved substantially since young officers tried to overthrow her on Aug 28, 1987, killing 53 people and wounding more about 300.

"It has improved from one of cautious co-operation to one of confidence now," Major General Jose Magno, presidential adviser on military affairs, said in a recent interview.

Brigadier-General Oscar Florendo, head of the military's civil relations service, said there was mistrust between Aquino and the armed forces after she took office in February 1986. "She now feels that she is the commander-in-chief."

It took loyal soldiers about 24 hours to crush the August 1987 coup attempt, the fifth and most serious Aquino faced.

Since then her administration has addressed many of the complaints brought out by the coup leaders, including claims the government neglected the fighting man and was failing in its campaign against communist insurgents.

Foreign military experts say the Filipino soldier is better equipped, clothed and fed now than two years ago.

Aquino approved an average 114 per cent military pay rise in December 1987. Ordinary soldiers got the biggest rise and master sergeants had nearly a 200 per cent increase on the basic 805 pesos (\$38) a month they were paid when Aquino came to office.

Soldiers complain of limited promotion prospects but Magno said there was more mobility now. Promotions were on merit, not the "point system" of ousted President Ferdinand Marcos, where "someone pointed to you and said: 'You're a general.'"

Chances for promotion also increased with the retirement of 90 generals since Aquino came to power, including 19 over-mandatory retirement age.

Image improves

Florendo said the military image had improved as the impression grew among civilians that it was making progress against the guerrillas. "There is more understanding by the civilian of the soldier," he said in an interview.

Aquino has urged the military to purge it ranks not only of plotters, but also of those engaged in criminal activities.

The paramilitary constabulary says it has discharged about 1,000 constabulary and policemen in the last three years for involvement in illegal activities.

"There's really a serious effort in the armed forces to rid the organisation of misfits and scoundrels," constabulary spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Crescencio Maralit said.

The government says it cannot rule out the possibility of future coup attempts but has made it more difficult for one to succeed by enlarging the presidential security guard, which fought off the August 28 attack on the presidential palace.

It has also expanded the national capital regional defence command area to several provinces around Manila.

Political analysts say there is still dissension within the military, though not enough to fuel a successful revolt.

Soldiers complain civilians do not do their share in the fight against rebels, especially in remote towns where an absentee mayor often lives in the provincial capital.

They say the country's legal system makes it difficult to prosecute communist guerrillas once they've been caught.

Some foreign experts say Aquino's government has taken a soft line on coup plotters.

A senior Manila military officer said authorities knew the whereabouts of ex-Colonel Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, escaped leader of the August attempt, but chose not to capture him for fear of publicising his cause.

Many of more than 2,500 officers and men investigated in connection with attempted coups have been cleared, according to Defence Department figures.

So far, 448 soldiers have been charged at 15 separate courts martial over four coup attempts. Seven trials have been completed and 138 men convicted—some to 20 years jail—and 77 acquitted.

Trials of more than 200 for the August mutiny drag on.

One young soldier boarded a bus with other accused at Manila's constabulary headquarters after a court martial session on Friday.

Asked by a reporter if he regretted his role in the revolt, he said: "No. We were able to accomplish what we wanted to. The other soldiers benefit from it."

North Korean corporal defects

SEOUL, Aug 27, (AP): A North Korean Army corporal swam across a shallow strait on the western sea border and defected to South Korea today, the Defence Ministry announced.

Cpl. Lee Ki-Young, 32, swam about 600 metres (yards) under cover of darkness and surrendered himself to a South Korean outpost on Kanghwa island at around 6am (2100 GMT), a ministry spokesman said.

The spokesman said Lee belonged to the 1st Coastal Battery Company of the 9th North Korean Army Division.

Lee was the second North Korean soldier to defect this month. On Aug 9, North Korean Army Pvt. Chung Young-Chul, 19, defected across the central portion of the demilitarised zone separating the two Koreas.

The Korean peninsula was divided roughly along the 38th Parallel at the end of World War II in 1945. The two sides fought a war in 1950-53.

In a separate development, the leader of South Korea's largest

opposition party lashed out yesterday against his indictment in connection with a spy case, saying he would launch a campaign for democratic reforms.

Speaking in the western city of Incheon, Kim Dae-Jung said his Party for Peace and Democracy would push for the "strongest possible" campaign for the reforms and would seek support from the public, the National Assembly and the judiciary.

He said the campaign would include a petition drive starting in September to press for more democratic rights and rallies in 27 cities to denounce the "repression of dissent" by the government.

"There are more than 900 political prisoners in jail. This is more than were jailed at any one time under the Chun Doo-Hwan regime," he said, referring to the predecessor of President Roh Tae-Woo.

Kim also called the indictments an act of political persecution.



Yamashita: resigned

Scandal reflects poorly on media

TOKYO, Aug 27, (Reuters): Japan's most recent sex scandal involving a respected top cabinet minister may reflect more poorly on the country's media than on the new administration of Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu.

Already some public remorse has surfaced over the loss of Tokuo Yamashita, 69, who resigned from his post of chief cabinet secretary on Friday despite being asked by senior members in his party not to do so.

Yamashita stepped down after the Shukan Shincho weekly magazine reported that he had paid a part-time bar hostess three million yen (\$20,000) in hush money.

The former minister admitted the affair but said the money was intended just to help her out of financial difficulties.

Many Japanese have said the incident, unlike the sex scandal involving former prime minister Souda Ueno, was too private to be reported by the media.

Widely quoted political analyst Hideo Uchiyama said Ueno's case involved obvious prostitution.

"Yamashita's case was much more the free choice of both people," Uchiyama said.

Some Japanese women agree.

"This affair was a private matter and unrelated to Yamashita's ability to do his job," said Michiko Yokota, an employee of Saitama Bank.

"It's not a question of whether he did right or wrong," she said. "It just isn't a matter that should be brought up to the public."

The magazines print such stories to sell more copies, another woman said. Everyone wants to read about scandals, but knows not all reports in weekly magazines can be believed, she added.

Just prior to the Yamashita scandal, a Nagoya newspaper falsely claimed in an article picked up by the foreign media that Kaifu had a secret illegitimate child.

The newspaper was eventually forced to run a retraction and an apology.

Japan's largest daily newspaper in a recent editorial: "The quality of a politician should be judged by the quality of his policies."

"A politician's relations with the opposite sex have little to do with his ability to draft and execute national policy... there is no correlation between his sex life and his political ethics."

Storm hits Japan, kills 2

TOKYO, Aug 27, (AP): A landslide killed one man and an eight-year-old girl drowned in a swollen river today as a tropical storm battered parts of Japan with wind and heavy rain, the national police agency reported.

Two other people were missing, it added, and 550 houses were flooded, mostly in western Japan. Landslides were reported at 68 places and roads were destroyed at 40 places, according to an official who refused to be identified.

Although downgraded to a tropical storm, with maximum centre winds of 90 kilometres (55 miles) an hour, the storm still was being called typhoon Roger, and a meteorological agency official said this was the first time in 27 years that four typhoons had landed in Japan by the end of August.

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A supporter flashes a V for victory sign as others try to shake hands with Mazowiecki, left, who came to Czestochowa, Poland, on Saturday to pray at the Jasna Gora monastery. (Reuters wirephoto)

Moscow gives Mazowiecki its blessing

Polish workers support prime minister

WARSAW, Aug 27, (Agencies). Poland's new Prime Minister, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, starts his first full week in office boosted by support from Moscow, workers in two industrial cities and one of the country's senior communists. But he faces the daunting task of trying to solve Poland's pressing economic problems, contain smouldering labour unrest and satisfy the communists and two non-communist parties in putting together his coalition government.

with Mazowiecki.

"I wished Mazowiecki every success," Kryuchkov said after separate talks yesterday with the prime minister and President Wojciech Jaruzelski. "Everything's fine and there's nothing to worry about."

"I liked Mazowiecki. He's a man of principles. He knows how to present things," Kryuchkov said looking relaxed after talks in the Council of Ministers, the Polish government's headquarters in Warsaw.

Soviet backing is vital for Mazowiecki, jailed for a year when Poland's communist authorities imposed martial law in 1981 to crush the free trade union Solidarity. The union was legalised only four months ago.

Orthodox leaderships in Czechoslovakia, Romania and East Germany oppose reforms and fear the events in Poland will trigger popular demands for change in their own countries.

But Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has encouraged reforms abroad and one of his major concerns appears to be a calm, stable relationship with Poland — traditionally a strong ally — as he deals with growing unrest at home.

Mazowiecki sent a key signal to the Kremlin soon after he was elected last Thursday by saying he would not pull Poland out of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact military alliance. He has given assurances that he wants to build up relations with Moscow.

Moscow is also anxious that industrial unrest over huge food price rises imposed by the communist authorities will not bring back the "anarchy" it says the Solidarity upheaval of 1980-81 produced when strikes spread across the country.

The threat of the first big strike since Mazowiecki took office receded yesterday when railwaymen heeded an appeal by Solidarity leader Lech Walesa to go back to work in Lodz, Poland's second largest city. They pledged faith in Mazowiecki.

Foundry workers in the south-western city of Katowice called for a six-month strike moratorium to help Mazowiecki, a veteran activist of the

free trade union Solidarity tackle inflation that is approaching 200 per cent and a \$39 billion debt.

Walesa said today that Mazowiecki had only six months to a year to prove to the public he can solve Poland's pressing economic problems.

"The government can retain public trust for no more than six months to a year. After that time the public has got to see the first signs of improvement (in the economy)," Walesa told a West German delegation in the Baltic city of Gdansk.

Solidarity officials said Walesa was expected to call for a national strike moratorium this week to help Mazowiecki.

Sofia blockades Muslim villages

Protestors demand passports

SOFIA, Aug 27, (Reuters). Bulgarian militia have blockaded six southern villages after Muslims there demanded passports to leave the country, human rights sources said yesterday.

The sources, who are in touch with the local Muslim Pomak minority, said regional officials had refused the request. Eighteen Pomaks suspected of organising the protests were sent for extra military service.

More than 310,000 ethnic Turks have been allowed to leave the country since June.

Western diplomats in Sofia said they had heard reports of deaths during clashes between Pomaks and militia. But the official news agency BTA denied the reports and the human rights sources said they were also unaware of any deaths or injuries in the area.

In one of the villages, Hvoshtene, Pomaks dumped harvested tobacco in the square and told local authorities they would no longer process it.

Five other villages — Blatska, Kornitza, Nazhinitza, Brestnitsa and Dabnitza — also staged protests and were blockaded by militia.

In a separate incident, human rights activists said four dissidents who staged a hunger strike to demand greater freedoms for ethnic Turks received threats to their lives and were told by police to leave Bulgaria.

Mariana Zlateva, a member of the unofficial independent association for the defence of human rights, told Reuters that one of the dissidents, Vladimir Krastev, had left for Paris. The other three had decided to remain in Bulgaria.

The militia cut off the villages, located about 120 km (75 miles) south of Sofia, soon after the demonstrations began on August 15. Only those with jobs in neighbouring towns are allowed to enter and leave their villages.

The Pomaks want to travel to Turkey, joining an exodus of ethnic Muslim Turks emigrating from East Bulgaria.

Ethnic Turks flood Bursa

BURSA, Turkey, Aug 27, (AP). Six centuries after the Ottoman Turks launched their conquest of the Balkans from this city, Bursa is bursting with ethnic Turks fleeing part of the old empire.

This city of Ottoman mosques and modern industrial plants has become a symbol of Turkey's problems in taking in a flood of ethnic Turks leaving Bulgaria.

The difficulties prompted Turkey to impose a visa requirement this week to curtail the immigration. Since mid-May, 310,000 ethnic Turks have arrived from Bulgaria in one of the largest mass movements of people since World War II.

They say they are escaping a forced assimilation campaign aimed at changing their Muslim names to Slavic ones, wiping out their use of the Turkish language and halting their practice of Islamic rites.

Like immigrants the world over, the Bulgarian Turks flooded into areas where earlier arrivals had established communities. Bursa, 250 kms (150 miles) southwest of Istanbul, received the largest group, an estimated 75,000.

"Enough," mayor Teoman Ozalp said in an interview. "In three months the city population rose by 10 per cent. We cannot cope with it, no city in the world can cope with it."

Immigrants, residents and city officials say the major problem is housing.

Many immigrants have gone to relatives, who are putting up as many as 15 to 20 newcomers in their three-room houses.

About 20,000 immigrants have been given shelter in schools, which will have to be evacuated shortly in preparation for the start of classes Sept 18.

In the shade at a schoolyard, Ismail Sukruoglu Oren spoke about his problems since arriving from Bulgaria four days earlier. The welder had just gotten a job but was unable to find a home for his family.

"It was well there, but it is trouble here, too," he said.

Immigrants say that when they do find work, they get less than the minimum wage.

The problems also have mounted for residents. Bursa natives complain that some employers are firing workers to hire cheaper immigrant labour. They say rents have doubled and tripled since the ethnic Turks' arrival.

Munim Genocoglu, head of the Balkan Immigrants Association, says lack of organisation by the government has exacerbated the problem.

"What are farmers doing in this industrial city?" he asked.

"The government should have divided people according to their professions and sent them to areas where there are jobs or land available for farming."

Even critics of the government admit that no one expected so many Bulgarian Turks.

The migration began when Bulgaria expelled leaders of a protest against the 5-year-old assimilation campaign. Bulgaria then began issuing passports that allowed ethnic Turks to leave with a few suitcases and bundles of household goods — unleashing a flood of emigration to Turkey.

"But there are no houses for rent. We already had a housing shortage when they started coming," Ozalp says.

The government tried to send the ethnic Turks to different parts of the country, but the orders were not mandatory.

"We have lost track of 100,000 arrivals," said Erucum Konukman, the minister in charge of the immigrants. "They did not go where they were sent. We believe most went to Bursa or Istanbul."

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Alliance urged

SUNDANCE, Utah, Aug 27, (AP). Soviet and US scientists, politicians and entertainers have urged their governments to forge an "environmental security alliance" to combat global warming.

Actor-filmmaker Robert Redford, who co-sponsored the four-day conference with the Soviet Academy of Sciences, yesterday read a letter to President George Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

The letter was signed by Redford and space researcher Roald Sagdeev, head of an 11-member Soviet delegation, who said the two nations must co-operate to undo the environmental damage they have incurred.

His comments ended the conference of Soviet and American scientists, political leaders, environmentalists, filmmakers and authors.

The meeting was not as much a scientific conference as it was an attempt to "pass the baton," from scientists to policy-shapers in both countries, who need to take action, Redford said.

Warships may visit

SAN DIEGO, California, Aug 27, (UPI). Soviet warships may visit San Diego next summer under a military exchange programme that also provides for a matching port visit by US military vessels to the port city of Vladivostok, the San Diego Union newspaper reported yesterday.

Government sources told the San Diego Union that the exchange was proposed by a State Department-Defence Department interagency council and has been agreed to in principle. No exact date has been set.

The Soviets were offered visits to either San Diego or Honolulu, a diplomatic official told the union.

The San Diego-Vladivostok naval summer visits would be the second in a naval exchange programme that was hammered out in 1988 by Adm. William Crowe, the chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, the Soviet Chief of Staff.



Demonstrator arrested

Two South African policemen arrest a demonstrator outside the main Cape Town branch of First National Bank, the sponsors of an international rugby team, which is currently touring South Africa. (Reuters wirephoto)

Electoral platform

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Aug 27, (AP). An opposition coalition announced yesterday a platform for next February's elections that focuses on the country's economic crisis.

The platform of the National Opposition Union, or UNO, promises legal titles to peasants who have been given land through the Sandinista Agrarian Reform programme and says those whose land had been confiscated will be compensated.

After winning the scheduled Feb 25 elections, the UNO "government of national salvation" would institute an austerity budget, the platform says.



Azeris demonstrate

An elderly Azeri woman gestures towards demonstrators outside the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Baku. Several hundred activists from the Azeri Popular Front demonstrated in protest at the arrest of their leader and two aides. The three men were later released. (Reuters wirephoto)

Moscow warning ignored

MOSCOW, Aug 27, (Reuters). Hundreds of thousands of Moldavians ignored a Kremlin warning to nationalists in the Baltic republics and demonstrated today for their mother tongue to become the republic's official language.

By mid-afternoon, some 300,000 people had poured into the capital city of Kishinev from all over the southwestern Soviet republic, said Yuri Koshka, a spokesman for the Moldavian Popular Front.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda published an article on today denouncing the Moldavian activists as extremists.

But Koshka, contacted by phone from Moscow, said: "There are 300,000 people out there. How can they all be extremists?"

He said the rally was going ahead despite a strong attack on Baltic nationalists by the Moscow leadership yesterday.

Baltic activists said they feared Moscow could be preparing for a crackdown and perhaps even the use of force to stop the nationalist clamour in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

A central committee statement, which took 18 minutes to read on the Saturday evening news, denounced a rising tide of anti-Soviet feeling in the Baltics and said "destructive forces" were seeking to break up the Soviet Union.

Vincent Landsbergis, who heads the Lithuanian movement Sąjūdis, said the statement appeared aimed at making the situation in the Baltics appear more tense than it really was.

"Maybe they feel they must lie to people in Russia so they will be prepared if powers in Moscow use force to introduce troops or change the (Lithuanian) government," he said.

"They want to make at least part of the Russians believe... the situation is dangerous here, although in reality everything is calm," Landsbergis said.

Landsbergis said it reminded him of the official Soviet media campaign against the Baltics in the 1940s, as Red Army troops moved into the formerly independent states.

Moscow's blast against the Baltics came three days after about two million people joined hands and linked the capitals of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia in a human chain to pose the biggest challenge to the legitimacy of Moscow's rule.

Kremlin raps secessionists

Baltic activists warned

MOSCOW, Aug 27, (AP). Soviet party leaders lashed out yesterday at nationalist activists in the Baltic republics, warning they were leading the restive region into an "abyss."

The official message from the Communist Party's policy-making Central Committee accused "separatist elements" of whipping up "nationalist hysteria" in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia and appealed for a stop to their push for secession.

The message came three days after more than a million residents of the Baltic region linked hands in a chain to protest the Soviet annexation of their independent nations 50 years ago.

The sharply worded message was read as the lead item on the nightly news.

"Things have gone far. Serious danger is threatening the Baltic peoples," the Central Committee said. "People should know what abyss their nationalist leaders are pushing them toward."

In what was apparently a reference to economic problems, the message continued: "If they managed to attain their goals, the consequences could be catastrophic for their peoples."

The Baltic calls for secession have brought counter-attacks in the central Soviet press, yesterday's Central Committee message was Moscow's sharpest response so far.

The Central Committee condemned the "anti-socialist, anti-Soviet thrust" of the Baltic activists and said they were working against the common interests of the Soviet people.

Baltic activists, in initial reactions last night to the appeal, said they would not be diverted from their drive for independence.

The message "won't have any particular effect because it doesn't include any concrete steps," said Ulo Kaevats of the Estonian People's Front. "I see it

as an expression of weakness and of a policy that is not very rational."

The Central Committee also criticised the three republics' government and party leaders, saying some did not try hard enough to stop the slide toward separatism and others "played up to the nationalist mood and weakened their opposition to separatist plans."

While the People's Fronts of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania initially worked for more local authority for their republics within the Soviet Union, activists now openly call for independence.

"The declarations of the People's Front in the past year have become ever closer to the ideals our people have carried in their hearts for all these 50 years," said Marju Laumiste, a parliament member and leader of the Estonian People's Front. "All of us would like to have freedom, and freedom without independence isn't realistic."

More than 2 million people in the Baltics have signed petitions that imply their goal is freedom.

— In Lithuania, 1.3 million people have signed petitions that say the Soviet Union annexed their nation "against the will of Lithuanians." The document calls for removal of the Soviet "occupation army" and seeks UN supervision of free elections for a new local government.

— In Latvia, 430,000 people have signed petitions saying they wanted to be considered citizens of an independent Latvia.

— In Estonia, more than 400,000 have signed petitions asking the republic's parliament to declare illegal the 1940 Estonian parliament's approval of Soviet annexation in 1940, the legislature as elected under Soviet occupation and only communists were allowed to run.

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Kaunda wants to size up De Klerk

LUSAKA, Aug 27, (Reuters). Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda says he wants to test the sincerity of F.W. de Klerk's pledge to dismantle apartheid when he meets the acting South African president tomorrow for the first time.

"I want to size the man up. I want to know what he stands for," Kaunda told a British television interviewer yesterday.

For de Klerk, the visit to Zambia comes during a crackdown at home against an anti-apartheid campaign, protesting against next month's general election, from which blacks are excluded.

Kaunda, black Africa's fiercest critic of South Africa's apartheid race policies, said the meeting in the Victoria Falls resort town of Livingstone is primarily aimed at getting to know each other.

But few observers doubt that apartheid and the best way to end it will be the main topic of their talks.

Kaunda, who is also chairman of Southern Africa's anti-apartheid states, said he will question de Klerk about a pledge he made to dismantle apartheid. If the South African leader proves trustworthy, he said, they would decide what course of action to follow.

Supporters of peaceful change in South Africa hope Kaunda and de Klerk can reach some understanding and reconcile Southern Africa's most powerful state with its poorer black neighbours after years of hostility.

But Pretoria and the African National Congress (ANC), the main guerrilla organisation fighting white minority rule in South Africa, are deadlocked over the issue of negotiations.

South Africa wants the ANC to renounce violence. The ANC wants the government to free political prisoners, end a state of emergency, unban political groups and withdraw troops from black townships before it will enter into any dialogue.

Kaunda has no formal mandate as a mediator but diplomats said he was likely to brief de Klerk on the ANC's conditions for negotiations and report on his reaction to the ANC and the frontline states.

The Zambian president said yesterday he would not press de Klerk into talks with the ANC, "not at this stage."

Kaunda, 65, had met South Africa's then-Prime Minister John Vorster in 1974 at the height of the Rhodesian war and de Klerk's predecessor, President P.W. Botha, in 1982.

His willingness to meet South Africa's white leaders is greeted with reservation by the ANC, outlawed in South Africa and based in Lusaka for the last 20 years.

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Prague rejects reforms

PRAGUE, Aug 27, (AP). Ranking Czechoslovakian communists yesterday rejected Hungarian and Polish-style reforms and condemned Western and Soviet bloc activists who participated in Aug 21 anti-government demonstrations.

At a rally in Banská Bystrica, Communist Party General Secretary Milos Jakes said the communists cannot allow "the weakening of the leading role of the..." the official CTK news agency reported.

While no country was directly mentioned, Jakes' comments were clearly meant to draw the line between Czechoslovakia, and Hungary and Poland, the Soviet bloc's most daring reformers.

Both of Czechoslovakia's neighbours have committed themselves to a multi-party system and increasingly favour free-market economics. Polish lawmakers on Thursday elected a non-communist prime minister, the first in the East Bloc.

Jakes also condemned "the misuse of visits to Czechoslovakia for interference in our internal affairs, as it was demonstrated on Aug 21," said CTK.

Prague riot police dispersed thousands of demonstrators Aug 21, the 21st anniversary of the Warsaw Pact invasion that crushed attempts to liberalize communism. State news media said that 370 people were detained, including 50 foreigners.

More than 15,000 Roman Catholic faithful gathered to witness the consecration of the first Archbishop of Olomouc in 16 years, the Kathpress reported.

Stalin's henchman Beria killed prisoners with his hands

MOSCOW, Aug 27, (UPI). Lavrenty Beria, the Georgian "godfather of the Mafia," killed prisoners with his own hands in a torture chamber, a newspaper said yesterday in a horrifying portrait of Josef Stalin's dreaded henchman.

Trud, the official newspaper of the state-run trade unions, published excerpts from previously unreleased transcripts of Beria's 1953 closed-court trial for his massive crimes as head of Stalin's secret police.

Beria and a number of his former aides, were sentenced to death in December 1953, nine months after Stalin's death.

"All of them over many years had held high

posts" in the secret police, Trud said. "All of them were responsible for thousands of ruined lives and deaths."

During six days of testimony Dec 18-23, 1953, Beria's former underlings described his cruelties in carrying out brutal purges in 1937 and 1938 in his native Georgian republic.

"The investigation confirmed that Beria with his own hands killed prisoners," Trud said. "For this purpose various instruments of torture were stored in his waiting room."

Ekaterina Kalinina told the court how Beria had ordered her arrested and personally interrogated her in 1938 in a bid to extract evidence against her

husband, Mikhail Kalinin, the former Russian revolutionary who was the titular head of the Soviet government.

"He tried to force her to admit her 'criminal actions,'" and when she refused he told the woman investigator to beat her," Trud said in relating Ekaterina Kalinina's testimony. "The investigator started striking her with her fist, but Beria gave instructions to beat her on the head. Kalinina fainted from the blows."

"She was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment in labour camps, but she never betrayed her husband."

Beria gained Stalin's confidence in the 1920s and

1930s by catering to his every need and providing security for him during the dictator's frequent trips to Georgia, the homeland of both men. Stalin rewarded Beria by naming him Communist Party chief of the entire transcaucasus region in 1931.

Beria killed thousands of "enemies of the state" in the region under orders from Moscow before Stalin brought him to the capital in 1938 to head the vast terror network of secret police the despot had built over the previous decade. A number of Georgians accompanied Beria to Moscow and worked under him in his new post.

"We have every right to call Beria the godfather of the Mafia," Trud said.

Rafsanjani wants a fair deal for his cabinet

NICOSIA, Aug. 27. (AP): Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani opened a vote of confidence debate at Parliament today with a call for a fair and objective assessment of his cabinet, drawing sharp criticism from hardliners.

Rafsanjani, Tehran Radio said, defended in an hour-long speech his decision to dump heavyweight hardline opponents, like outgoing Prime Minister Hussein Musavi, and his Interior Minister, Ali Akbar Mohtashemi.

The debate at the 270-seat Majlis, or Parliament, was expected to last three days, ending Tuesday with a secret ballot to approve or veto each of Rafsanjani's candidates.

Twenty deputies are lined up to speak for or against Rafsanjani's 22 nominees, who included nine newcomers, mainly young, educated intellectuals.

Nine others already are serving in the outgoing cabinet, and the rest had served in

previous governments after the Islamic Revolution seized power in Iran in 1979, ending 2,500 years of monarchy.

The leading English-language Tehran Times newspaper, which backs Rafsanjani, said in an editorial today: "It is almost certain that the 22-member cabinet proposed by Mr Rafsanjani will receive a vote of confidence from the Majlis."

As leader of the so-called pragmatists, Rafsanjani is seeking to restore ties with the West

to ensure a flow of foreign technology and financing badly needed to rebuild the country's economy, shattered by the eight-year war with Iraq.

The hardliners, led by Mohtashemi, favour state-controlled economy and believe that by confronting the West, the revolution feeds Islamic fervour and remains loyal to the policy of its founder, Ayatollah Khomeini, who died on June 3.

Tehran Radio, monitored in Nicosia,

quoted Rafsanjani as saying he looked forward to "a fair, non-aligned assessment" of the proposed cabinet.

Earlier reports said 138 Parliament deputies had petitioned Rafsanjani asking him to keep Mohtashemi on.

Rafsanjani said: "Do not be carried away by the poisonous propaganda of the enemies... Mr Mohtashemi is one of my closest friends and I have known him for very many years."

"But in the present circumstances, I believe

Mr (Nateq) Nouri is best for this job," he said of his designated interior minister. Nouri served as interior minister 1981-1985, while Mohtashemi was in the diplomatic corps.

As ambassador to Syria in 1982, Mohtashemi had helped establish Hezbollah, or Party of God, among young Shiite Muslim militants in Lebanon. The group now is believed to be an umbrella for extremists holding most of the 16 Westerners missing in Lebanon.

Israel deports four, defying condemnation

Arafat may seek US visa

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27. (Agencies): Israel, defying world condemnation, expelled today four West Bank Palestinians accused of inciting the uprising against Israeli occupation, the army said.

"They took part in the leadership and direction of the uprising," an army communiqué said.

A fifth Palestinian will be flown to France at his request, security sources said.

The expulsions raised to 61 the number of Palestinians deported by Israel since the revolt erupted in the occupied territories in December 1987.

The wife of the Bir Zeit University lecturer said he had received permission to go to France rather than Lebanon, first destination of every other Palestinian expelled during the 20-month uprising.

We were allowed to say goodbye to him in prison yesterday. He was not allowed to touch us so he kissed our two-year-old daughter Nadya through a wire grill, Amal Aruri told Reuters yesterday.

"Little Nadya asked him, 'Why are you here daddy?' He answered, 'Because I tried to help my people,'" she said.

Aruri has been held without trial for more than a year, accused of membership of the banned Palestine Communist Party and taking part in the outlawed "popular committees" steering the uprising.

Speaking at the family home in Al Bireh in the occupied West Bank, Amal Aruri said her husband had asked Israeli officials not to expel him to Lebanon as it had 36 other Palestinians banished since the uprising began in December 1987.

"The security situation is so bad there and he has no papers, no passport," she said.

Others facing expulsion, accused of fomenting unrest:

■ Mohammed Al Matom, described as the leader of the Fatah wing of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Jerusalem and Ramallah.

■ Odeh Ma'ali of the PLO's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

■ Bilal Shakhshir, a West Bank nationalist who ran a bookstore.

■ Israel's educational television will start broadcasting programmes in Arabic for the country's Arab pupils this school year, the Education Ministry said today.

The US is steeled itself for major diplomatic rifts with the Arab world and Israel over the possible visa application by Arafat, with one US official saying today, "We're damned if we do and damned if we do not" grant the application.

"It's going to be a very tough call," said one senior US administration official of the likely visa application.

The official referred to the outcome of quiet lobbying by the US by Israel supporters against granting the visa and countervailing efforts by Arab spokesmen to permit Arafat to speak.

■ PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat "seriously considering" applying for a US visa to attend a session of the United Nations later this year, the New York Times reported today.

The newspaper, in an early edition available tonight, quoted a senior Palestinian Liberation Organisation official as saying in an interview in Washington on Friday that Arafat may request a visa.

■ A number of Western European states are urging the American administration to upgrade its delegation to the US-Palestinian dialogue, a press report said here today.

Daily 'Al Itihad' in Abu Dhabi quoted European sources in London as saying that the European states, including France, Italy, and Britain aim to keep the dialogue alive as the PLO expressed discontent over the fourth round of its talks with the American representatives in Tunis earlier this month.

PLO officials accused the United States of diverting the dialogue to sideline issues and avoiding discussions of pivotal political matters.

According to the sources, Washington's European allies fear that the dialogue was possibly heading to a screeching halt after the PLO instructed Palestinian leaders in the occupied areas to end their contacts with the Israeli government.



Amal Aruri talks to Israeli peace activists who visited her Saturday in Birch in the West Bank to condemn an Israeli order to expel her husband. (Reuters wire-photo)

Palestinians fight Unacceptable

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 27. (Reuters): Palestinians fought each other with guns and stones in the occupied West Bank yesterday, Palestinian sources said.

Four or five armed Palestinians regarded as collaborators with Israel set up a roadblock in the village of Kufri Dan near Jenin and opened fire at fellow-Arabs who stoned them, the sources added.

No casualties were reported in the clash, the second in two days. But Israel radio said a 20-year-old man was found beaten to death and tied to a pole in the village of Kalkilya. Residents described him as a suspected collaborator.

In the village of Idna near Hebron, Palestinian activists set alight four homes and a shop, the radio said. It quoted residents as saying a man who owned one of the homes had fired at masked youths on Friday. He had not been seen since.

Collaborators are fighting back against activists who have killed about 90 suspected "traitors" since the Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule began 20 months ago, Palestinian sources said.

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Iranian held in US

NICOSIA, Aug. 27. (Reuters): Iran's main opposition group said today one of its leaders was arrested by Los Angeles police in what it described as a concession by the US government to Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

The Mujahadeen-e-Khalq said Alaaeddin Touran, a senior official in its international relations department, was arrested on arrival at Los Angeles International Airport on August 21.

Rebels claim

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Aug. 27. (AP): The rebel Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran claimed today that at least 112 Iranian troops were killed and 30 were taken prisoner in a series of clashes in north-western Iran in the past 10 days.

The Baghdad-based KDP spokesman Ghafor Hamzai told the Associated Press five Kurdish rebels were also killed in the clashes Aug. 15, 19 and 24 near the towns of Mahabad, Baneh, Sanandaj and Piranshahr in the craggy Kurdish mountains close to the Iraqi border. The claims could not be independently verified.

Dr Shams Arakani said Iran's introduction of a plan to produce local generic medicines had reduced the number imported from 4,000 to 1,000.

ABU DHABI, Aug. 27. (Reuters): A leading Palestinian Muslim cleric criticised in remarks published today the reported creation of a pro-Iranian Hezbollah group in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Sheikh Saaduddin Al Alami, head of Jerusalem's Supreme Islamic Council, told the semi-official UAE Al Itihad newspaper that he did "not agree to the formation of any Islamic party in Palestine and does not accept the party's call at this phase of the Palestinian people in the territories."

A letter circulated in occupied Jerusalem on Friday announced the establishment of the Muslim Shiite group saying: "Jihad (holy war) with faith and the gun against Jewish injustice and American arrogance is a human necessity."

Al Alami said the Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territories started and continues as a people's movement.

Al Itihad quoted informed Palestinian sources saying that there was no Islamic figure behind the new party, only a "few youths who did not want to mention their names and are not expected to issue other statements."

collaborators, provided with arms from Israel, appeared to be forming militia-like groups to defend themselves.

Killings of collaborators have risen sharply this year, Israel says. Most of the dead were victims of feuds or common criminals.

Troops shot dead Sami Hassan

Ajaj, 17, during clashes in the village of Deir As Sudan near Ramallah yesterday, Israel Radio said.

Earlier Palestinian sources mistakenly reported the death of a youth shot in clashes with troops in Jabalya refugee camp on Friday. The sources later said the youth was in an irreversible coma.

Fire put out

BAHRAIN, Aug. 27. (Reuters): Firemen have put out a petrol pipeline fire among storage tanks near Bahrain's refinery, industry officials said today.

They said three people were slightly hurt. One tank, of about a dozen in the tank farm, was damaged.

An official said the fire would not affect operations at the 250,000 barrel per day Bahrain Petroleum Company refinery and Petroleum Products at the tank farm would be delivered as normal.

The blaze began yesterday while welders were doing maintenance work, officials said.

Bomb scare delay

NICOSIA, Aug. 27. (Reuters): An Olympic Airways airliner left Cyprus with some 270 passengers today after a bomb scare delayed the flight for about five hours, airport officials said.

A bomb squad checked the Greek Airbus at Larnaca airport after a European-looking woman presented luggage at the check-in counter and obtained a boarding pass but did not appear to identify the suitcases before boarding the plane.

Sfeir calls for reforms 'Reduce the powers of president'

BKIRKI, Aug. 27. (Reuters): The spiritual leader of Lebanon's Maronite Christian community, a key figure in any settlement of the 14-year-old war, has called for political reforms to give Muslims more power.

Patriarch Nasrallah Butros Sfeir said constitutional changes should reduce the powers of the president and increase those of the cabinet. The presidency would continue to be the preserve of the Maronites.

"I am convinced that if Lebanon will continue it is necessary that Lebanese — Christians and Muslims — can get together and be in accord on a forum of reform," he told Reuters in a weekend interview.

Sfeir said power must be shared equally so that Christians did not feel they were second-class citizens and Muslims could enjoy their rights as citizens. "All citizens must be regarded as having the same rights."

"If these reforms assure all the Lebanese that they are enjoying their rights, I cannot say this cannot be met."

Sfeir, 67, spoke to Reuters in English in an ornate reception room at his hilltop residence 30 km (20 miles) north of Beirut, which commands a spectacular view of the coastline of Lebanon's besieged Christian enclave.

He wore a white robe and sat beneath a portrait of Pope John Paul. He has been head of the Maronites, a distinctive local rite of the Catholic church, since 1986.

The issue of giving more political power to Muslims, now a majority in Lebanon, is at the heart of any settlement.

An unwritten national pact dating back to independence in 1943 reserved the presidency for a Maronite, the prime minister's post for a Sunni Muslim and the speakership of parliament for a Shiite Muslim.

Asked how the rules might be changed, Patriarch Sfeir replied: "Up till now the President has been and he will continue to be a Maronite, but with less power."

Would the prime minister assume more power? "Not the prime minister but the cabinet — all this must be in equilibrium."

Asked whether Army chief General Michel Aoun and other leaders in the besieged Christian heartland would accept such changes, Patriarch Sfeir said:

"I hope that they must accept this because we have to live in peace here. We (Christians) must not be regarded as people with privileges. We do not have privileges. We have to preserve our rights as citizens of the same equal footing with the others."

Fighting has abated since the United Nations Security Council appealed on August 16 for a ceasefire. But Syrian gunners and their Muslim and leftist allies continue shelling approaches to Christian harbours. Clashes are frequent on the Green Line dividing Beirut.

Sfeir welcomed international efforts to end the conflict, saying the Lebanese could not bring peace on their own. He said he had travelled extensively in search of a settlement and met many Muslim leaders in Lebanon.

The Patriarch called for the Arab League and the United Nations to press Syria, Israel and other foreign powers to leave. Lebanon must be for the Lebanese.

He said Lebanon's war was not a civil war or one between religions. "Muslims and Christians can get together if they are allowed to."

Sfeir said the past five months had been the worst of the war. "Children, old people, wives have been shelled intensively." But he avoided fixing blame for the flare-up.

He said Pope John Paul's desire to visit Lebanon was



Sfeir (left) receives Soviet envoy Genadi Tarasov to discuss efforts to bring peace to Lebanon. (Reuters wirephoto)

Sidelights

Syrian stand: Syria said today it would not allow the defeat of its Muslim and leftist allies in Lebanon where at least 760 people have been killed in the past five months.

The official English-language daily Syria Times accused Christian Army commander Major-General Michel Aoun, who is fighting Muslims and leftist forces, of trying to partition Lebanon and wipe out the country's Arab identity.

Ambassador favours: Lebanon's ambassador to Washington said yesterday he favours diplomatic and political intervention by the United States, in concert with other powers, to bring peace to his war-torn nation.

Such an effort should be made in conjunction with other powers through the (United Nations) Security Council in support of the Arab League committee, Ambassador Abdallah Bounhabib said in a television interview.

Paper warns Pope: An Iranian newspaper warned Pope John Paul today against going to Lebanon and shaking the "blood-stained hands" of Christian Army commander Major-General Michel Aoun. Jomhuri Eslami said a Papal visit to Lebanon would show backing for Aoun, antagonise Muslims and disgrace the Vatican.

Israeli jets hit ...

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Algeria, the three countries in the Arab League mediation committee on Lebanon whose efforts have so far failed.

The last French warship remaining off Lebanon was pulled back to Cyprus today as part of what was earlier described as a bid to lower tensions.

The sending of a small but powerful fleet enraged Syria and its Lebanese allies which dismissed French statements that its mission was solely humanitarian and aimed at protecting French nationals.

"In the past two weeks the situation in Lebanon has improved somewhat," Dumas said in the four-page statement.

Lebanon's senior Maronite Catholic cleric, Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir, assured Muslims today that the pontiff's planned visit would be aimed at focusing world attention on the plight of Muslims and Christians alike after 14 years of civil war.

Sfeir's announcement came as gunbattles flared across Beirut's dividing Green Line after five hours of artillery battles during the night.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, quoted the daily as saying it would be "very disgraceful" for the Vatican to support "criminals like Aoun."

It declared: "It seems ... hands are at work to change the face of events in Lebanon and want to justify the crimes of the Phalangists and Maronites in new moulds," the daily said.

A statement by about 60 Muslim clerics loyal to Iran war-

ned Israel of dire consequences unless it freed Obeid.

"We urge all states which abide by the United Nations conventions to press the Zionists to release all the prisoners in their jails, especially our brother Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid," said the statement.

"We warn the Zionist enemy of dire consequences for the continued detention of Sheikh Obeid and all various detainees. It (Israel) shoulders the full responsibility and consequences."

A helicopter from a French aircraft carrier sent toward Lebanon has crashed on a training flight and its two pilots remained missing today, the French Navy announced.

The helicopter crashed yesterday on a flight from the aircraft carrier Foch.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak urged Syria today to back apparently deadlocked Arab League efforts to end 14 years of civil strife in Lebanon.

"I hope Syria will co-operate with the three-country committee to avoid a deadlock and reach a solution to the Lebanese problem," Mubarak told reporters after three hours of talks with King Hussein of Jordan.

In Amman, Soviet envoy Genadi Tarasov warned of the repercussions of the Lebanese crisis on the Middle East and voiced Moscow's support for the Arab peace efforts.

"We sympathise with the sufferings of the Lebanese people and are moving within the context of the summit's decisions on Lebanon," he told Jordan's state-run news agency Petra.

The Patriarch said it would be shameful for the world to abandon Lebanon. "If the international community is considered as a family, when a member of that family is in pain all other members must help to cure him."

Hassan to make first visit to Libya since Khaddafi took power

RABAT, Aug. 27. (Reuters): King Hassan of Morocco will hold talks on Arab issues in Tripoli in September on his first visit to Libya since Colonel Muammar Khaddafi took power in 1969 and launched a hostile campaign against the Moroccan monarchy.

The Moroccan Press quoted Interior Minister Driss Bassri as saying King Hassan was due to arrive in Tripoli on September 1 to attend a summit of the five-member Arab Maghreb Union there.

Morocco accused Khaddafi of financing

and arming military rebels and leftists who staged abortive coups in 1971 and 1973.

The two countries signed a state union treaty in 1984, but King Hassan abrogated it two years later when Khaddafi called him a traitor for meeting then Israeli prime minister Shimon Peres.

But relations have since improved and Khaddafi joined the Arab Maghreb Union set up last February to link Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia.

The Tripoli meeting of the union, currently

chaired by King Hassan, is expected to review progress made in developing economic and social co-operation between the five countries.

Bassri's statement said an Arab League committee set up in May to try to bring peace to Lebanon might also meet in the Libyan capital.

The committee, comprising the heads of state of Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia, said last month its efforts were deadlocked.

Easier judicial procedures plan

Hearings law amendment

THE assistant undersecretary for legal and planning affairs at the Ministry of Justice Abdul Aziz Al Dakheel has said that the new judicial year for 1989/90 will begin with the implementation of proposed changes aimed at easing off judicial procedures at the ministry.

He said that all judicial leaves would end as of next month and court sessions would be resumed

in plenary quorum, pointing out that certain provisions under the hearings law would be amended with a view to facilitating procedural measures involving petty law-suits.

He added that this would involve the application of two new legislative decisions seeking to expedite the processing of legal transactions and avoid delay of pending cases.

Dakheel said that the ministry within the same framework of work acceleration and simplification, introduced computers and other automation-oriented systems into the ministry's component departments with direct dealings with the public, such as the Department of Real Estate Registration and Documentation.

The step, he added, would be

particularly helpful at the Department of Specialists where answers to queries fed into the computer plus all required relevant data would be easily accessible without the strain of reference to the relevant documents and files.

He said that the Citizens Office was established by ministerial decision No. 43/1989 and looked into complaints brought by the public.



A veiled saleswoman at Souq Wajif

Kuwait's traditional market

Maintain Souq Wajif facilities: saleswomen

SOUQ WAJIF, traditional women's market, located in the heart of Kuwait is considered to be one of Kuwait's historical features and the "stomping-ground for middle income shoppers". Prior to the pre-oil era, this area conducted business in the time-honoured Arab tradition with saleswomen and customers known to each other on a personal basis. Goods were purchased after lengthy informal talks, accompanied with the age-old tradition of "haggling", which was then considered to be part and parcel of the friendly atmosphere then prevailing.

Modernisation, technological innovations and an "unthought-of" increase in the population of Kuwait have brought in their wake a series of side effects which have been the cause of complaints.

Saleswomen at Souq Wajif have been incessantly complaining of the Souq's deteriorating conditions and cited these as: poor lighting, practical non-existence of maintenance, heat emanating from airconditioners mounted on shop walls, lack of toilet facilities and decrepit sewage services. The latter has

come in for severe criticism as the saleswomen state that these services are so bad that they sink in water along with their goods whenever there is even the slightest rainfall.

To add to their woes, they said, the sewers overflow permeating the surroundings with a foul odour. These factors all contribute to shoppers staying away from the area and this in return results in heavy losses to the saleswomen, they added.

They called upon officials to take these complaints and undertake a renovation programme so that they can be assured of continuity in their trade and earn an honest living.

In a supportive stand, shoppers called on official authorities to provide Souq Wajif with air-conditioning and also further called for providing saleswomen adequate cover from the elements. They added that several of these saleswomen are old and continue to sell their wares as they are the sole breadwinners for their families. Besides these old women, there are a lot of widows and divorcees who also bring their children along as there is no one to watch

over them at home.

Um Hesham, a saleswoman said that the market is very small and the size of the stalls allocated are totally inadequate to display their goods. She said that during several periods of the year, the market is faced with a large drop in sales which compels them to sell at cost price.

She added that they are continually exposed to the harsh weather conditions of Kuwait. During the summer months, they are exposed to high humidity and soaring temperatures due to the lack of shelters and in the rains they are completely drenched. To add to their woes, they said that the exhaust of airconditioners from adjoining shops adds to their plight during the summer season and during the winter, the exhaust from heating equipment makes their stall uncomfortable and unhealthy.

Um Ahmad indicated that Souq Wajif should be better cared for as it is one of Kuwait's oldest features and pointed out that a serious problem is the lack of adequate lighting where most saleswomen have to depend on lights of neighbouring shops during the night.

Joint relief committee to combat catastrophe

THE Kuwait Joint Relief Committee Chairman and Acting Director of the Kuwait Zakat House Abdul Qader Al Ojail has said the need to set up the committee was inspired by the destructive floods that hit Bangladesh and the far-reaching disastrous effects of this event which left a great number of the population still suffering the repercussions.

He told a local daily that the Sudan was in 1988 hit with driving floods which were the first since 42 years and was caused by incredibly heavy rainfall leaving 200,000 houses destroyed and more than 2 million people homeless. The floods left in its wake dislocated vital services, such as power cut, contamination of potable water, spread of epidemic, insufficiency of food and severing of communication lines.

Ojail pointed out that in response to these catastrophes it was decided on Aug 14, 1988 to dispatch volunteers to the calamity-stricken areas to operate in the field of relief and to size up the situation and provide expedient help to the affected.

He said that special relief programmes were developed for immediate implementation in the disaster areas, in co-ordination and co-operation with a number of local charity committees and organisations.

He also said that the achievements so far made by the committee included the digging of 1,024 wells in Bangladesh at the cost of KD70 each, the supply and distribution of more than 132,000 kilograms of rice, cereal and milk, the construction of 4,272 houses at KD70 each, the building of 21 schools and 20 more remain to be completed, bringing the total number of schools to 41 at the cost of KD5,000 each.

The committee also funded the renovation of 41 existing schools in that country, finished the construction of the eighth clinic, bringing the total number of clinics built so far to 15 while 15 others remained under construction, at the cost of KD2,500 to 5,000 each, Ojail said.

He added that the committee sponsored the renovation of 10 orphanages, and 500 mosques, while there was a special medical centre for children under construction.

As to the committee's activities in the Sudan, he said that the committee had purchased 2,745 tons of corn for the price of KD85,275 for distribution among the needy of the flood-invaded areas, while a contract had been signed for the construction of 33 schools at a total cost of KD393,000.

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YOUR reply in the Arab Times dated July 31 regarding overtime payment is not clear. Some tell me that if an employee works on a public holiday, he will get the normal wage plus one extra day. Normal wage is included in monthly salary, so will get only one extra day payment; others tell me that monthly wages do not include Fridays and public holidays. Which is correct?

An employee. ARTICLE 35 grants every labourer one day of rest, which is normally Friday. In some instances, it can be any day of the week, depending on the work circumstances. This means that a labourer has the right, under the law, to get one day off per week.

Anyone who works on the daily day off, he will get his normal wages plus 50 per cent extra. There are eight public holidays. If an employee works on a national holiday, he has the right to get his normal wages plus a day's salary-double wages.

ARTICLE 35 states that 50 per cent extra will be paid to those who work on the weekly rest day; Article 36 states "double wages" shall be paid for OT worked.

I am a monthly salary employee. Please clarify, taking for granted, that my monthly salary is KD 177.

1) Regular hourly rate; overtime at the rate of 25 per cent extra; OT rate at the rate of 50 per cent additional; and overtime at double wages.

If I work on two official holidays, how much overtime should I get?

Sarzoza. HOURLY rate: 850 fils per day; over-time at the rate of 25 per cent per hour = 210 fils; total overtime is KD 1.060 fils; daily payment is KD 6.810; add 50 per cent, i.e. KD 3.405 fils; total will be KD 10.215. Double wages: KD 6.810 plus KD 6.810 = KD 13.620.

I HAVE been residing in Kuwait since April, 1969. I came on a domestic visa and five months later, after marriage, it was changed to a dependent residency. After that I worked on the dependent visa.

In 1981, February, I got a bank job. My visa was changed to No. 18. In July 1987, I was terminated and joined a private company. Since November 1988, I have been working for a trading company and am still employed by them. I want to find a better job.

1. Can I transfer my residence to a new company?

2. Does the new rule that a person should work for the sponsor for three years apply to me?

3. I have done only 16 months work in the company. If the sponsor insists, can I say no to them?

4. Can I ask for a release letter?

Mrs. A.J. The period before taking visa No 18 is not taken into consideration. The duration of stay will be counted from 1981, when you got the work permit. Therefore, the 10-year continuous stay-status does not apply.

The three year rule applies to you. As you did not complete three years with the present company, you cannot seek a transfer of residence.

If you want to resign, you can, but after that time you must leave the country as you cannot ask for the release.

To obtain a dependent visa, you must contact the Immigration Department. If it is not possible, you can look for another job, or go out of Kuwait and re-enter.

CAN a government employee change his job—that is leave one ministry and join another ministry?

AS THIS depends on the procedures of both ministries involved in the transfer of residence, and on the acceptance of both ministries and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

THIS refers to your answer to the question of Mr. E. Salazar, published on Aug. 14, 1989. As I understand this question, this is a fixed period contract ending Aug. 30, 1989. That means he was brought on the understanding that the contract would expire on 30.8.89 and unless there is any additional clause in the contract for the extension beyond this period by giving notice, this is definitely a fixed contract and therefore it is covered under Article 12 read with 13 for "fixed contract". If it is so, please clarify:

1. What is the necessity for giving a notice to the employer?

2. This being a fixed contract if he informs the employer by a notice/letter that he is leaving the country on expiry of the contract, why is he not entitled for the indemnity as stated in your answer?

K.K. George. 1. AS I did not have the full details of the case, I had given a general reply to Salazar's query. I was also not provided with the details about the employer and employee. As I did not have the contract, I generalised the answer.

If it is a fixed contract, mentioning the date of expiry, there is no need for a notice. Article 52 says if a labour contract is made for a fixed period, and both parties continue to implement it after its expiry, it shall be deemed renewed for an unlimited period under the same conditions specified in therein.

If a notice period has not been mentioned in the contract, it ends on the date specified in the contract, and the employee has the right to ask for his benefits. Because from the start of the contract, both parties decide when they will end it.

For an unlimited contract, Article 52 stipulates that a notice must be given by the party terminating the contract, be it the employee or the employer.

I HAVE been recruited by a foreign company to promote their educational products in Doha, Qatar. At the time of interview, they mentioned the minimum salary plus commission. But the contract mentions only the salary. Due to slack business, they shifted to Kuwait.

I have completed three years service with this company. According to the contract, attested by my embassy, I am entitled to get 28 days paid leave, ticket and accommodation. My salary is also much lower than what was promised. Please advise: will they give my leave salary and ticket; what will be my benefits; and will the company pay the salary difference.

I CANNOT comment on your employment in Doha, Qatar.

But the period after your entry to Kuwait comes under this country's law.

The payment of KD 90 instead of KD200 is illegal, as long as there is a valid agreement to prove that that sum was promised. Regarding, paid leave and air ticket, you have the right to ask for your rights; they must pay whatever is mentioned in the contract — i.e. 28 days as mentioned in your letter. You are also entitled to get the air ticket, if it has been mentioned in the contract.

You can ask for the full benefits because they decreased the salary you can demand full benefits according to Kuwaiti labour law, including difference in the salary.

I CAME to Kuwait in 1984 on a work visa No. 18 and am still working under my sponsor as a labourer. I am a B.Sc graduate with some technical qualification. I want to change my job and transfer my residency. I found a job but the company told me that my residency cannot be transferred as I am on a labour visa. They said that No. 18 labour visa is not transferable. Is this true?

P. Kooch-mahyil. YOU can transfer to another company, provided you do the same work that you are now doing; in other words you'll have to pursue the profession (labourer) as mentioned in your passport and residence papers.

I HAVE some property in Kerala. I am the sole owner. My family is here. I have come to know that some neighbours are taking advantage of my absence and forcibly entering my property. I want to restrain them. How can I protect my property? What legal action can I take against them according to the Kuwaiti law?

David Yohannan. AS your property is in Kerala, and you are an Indian citizen, it would be better to take legal action in your country. You can file a case through the courts in your state. I'm afraid you cannot take action in Kuwait.

I HAVE submitted some documents. Please advise: how to obtain the share certificate; options open for me to secure certificates amicably; time limit for recovery of debt — legally; if I file a case, can an advocate agree to recover the money first and thereafter deduct his fees; can you provide the address of the nearest police station where I can register this case; any other alternative.

T.A. Pereira. IF you are positive the certificates are in Kuwait, a case can be filed to obtain them; if not, nothing can be done here. But you can write to the company in Canada.

The only amicable solution would be to negotiate — talk to them, sending copies of documents to get the certificates. The time limit to recover debt is 15 years, according to the law in Kuwait.

The question of a lawyer agreeing to take fees later depends on the agreement between the client and the lawyer.

You can file a civil case to recover the money, asking for the amount paid to the company.

I CAME to Kuwait in 1983 and work as a housemaid. My employer was deported but his family is still here. Is there any possibility to transfer my visa to the new employer. Is his wife authorized to give me a release? Please advise me.

Les. IF your employer's wife has a power of attorney, or authorisation from her husband, she can give a release. But if she doesn't, she must go to the Immigration Department, who can prove the deportation of her husband, and seek their help to transfer your visa.

I CAME to Kuwait in November 1988 on No. 18 visa. I have a residence permit for one year, valid until mid-November 1989. Now, my sponsor was not prepared to renew my residence since he has closed down his business; hence, he has requested me to find another sponsor to transfer my residence by obtaining a release from him. Is it possible to transfer my residence to a new sponsor after obtaining a release from the old one within the new labour law?

M. Lal. UNDER the labour law, a person can seek a transfer of residence only if he has completed three years service with one employer. As you will be doing only one year service, you can't transfer the residence.

I'M PRESENTLY working for my sponsor's company. I was born in Kuwait and completed my schooling here. As I was abroad for higher studies, my resident permit expired and I had to come back on the company visa. I've been offered another job, and I would like to take it. As far as the present immigration laws regarding transfer of residence are concerned, where do I stand? Can I transfer? Is my only option to exit the country and return on a new work permit?

Tony Baber. THE duration of studies is not taken into consideration, because you were on a student visa at that time. Your stay will be counted from the time you entered Kuwait on visa No. 18.

A person can seek a transfer of residence only after completing three years service. As you did not say when you returned, I cannot advise you.

2,450 traffic violations in July

KUWAIT, Aug. 27. (KUNA): According to a statistical release by the Computer Centre at the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs the total number of cases entertained by the traffic courts over the month of July was 2,450 and that amount of fines collected on traffic charges was KD45,575.

The release said that of total number of cases 1,138 were examined by the Court of Hawally, 686 by the Court of

Kuwait City, 326 by the Court of Jahra and 300 by the Court of Ahmadi while the total number of cases settled over the same period was 2,286.

The release added that 1,173 cases were examined at normal procedural tempo, but 1113 were others were examined in an accelerated procedure, while 951 involved collision accidents, and 1,335 involved violation tickets.

The release pointed out that

the sentences issued involved the revocation of 84 driving licences, and 50 jail terms, while the death toll was 9, of which 2 each took place in Kuwait City and Hawally, one in Jahra and four in Ahmadi.

Of all the traffic 4,555 cases examined during June 1986 were looked into by the Court in Hawally, 1,692 by the Court in Kuwait City, while the Jahra court examined 643 cases and Ahmadi Court 434 cases.

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Amir's Cairo visit to strengthen ties

Co-operation agreements to be signed

KUWAIT, Aug 27. (KUNA) Kuwait State Minister for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Al Rashed today praised the existing strong ties between Kuwait and Egypt in all fields.

Al Rashed told reporters that tomorrow's visit to Egypt by HH the Amir will crown these ties, and would push them forward to mutual benefit in the interest of the Arab nation.

He pointed out that during the visit, Kuwait and Egypt will be signing executive programmes for co-operation in the spheres of trade, education, culture, scientific research and labour.

As for the situation in Lebanon, Al Rashed said Kuwait still urges all Lebanese parties to help put an end to the bloodletting and consolidate the nation's stability.

The senior official said Kuwait wishes for the Tripartite Arab Committee on Lebanon to resume its mediation with the aim of reaching an urgent solution acceptable to all parties.

"We seek an Arab solution to the Lebanese crisis," Rashed went on.

But he added that international backing of Arab mediation is essential to achieve a settlement of the Lebanese crisis.

Culture
HH the Amir's visit would among other things, further boost Kuwaiti-Egyptian cultural ties which are deep-rooted in history.

A report by KUNA's information and research department on the occasion of the visit, highlighted the historical bonds in cultural and educational fields existing between Kuwait and Egypt.

It cited the current Kuwaiti cultural and artistic festivals



HH the Amir

being held in Cairo as yet another indication of the two countries' determination to give new momentum to these links which dated back to 1939, when the first batch of Kuwaiti students set foot in the Egyptian capital.

The report reviewed the various historical stages of the cultural relations between Kuwait and Egypt and pointed out that the first Egyptian educational mission arrived in Kuwait as early as 1942 to become the second ever Arab taskgroup to the Gulf nation, after the Palestinian mission sent by Sheikh Amin Al Hussein in 1936.

The second group of Kuwaiti students was sent to Cairo in the early '40s and since then, the number was continuously increased. In 1946, the students, published their own magazine "Al-Bi'atha" or "the mission".

The magazine portrayed the extensive cultural activities of Kuwaiti students in Egypt's educational institutes and in 1958 the students formed a theatrical troupe to display their artistic activities.

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Out of keenness on further enhancing cultural ties, Kuwait and Egypt signed an agreement for cultural co-operation in 1965. In 1989, Kuwaiti State Minister for Cabinet Affairs and president of the Kuwaiti National Council of Culture, Arts and Letters Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed signed with Egyptian Culture Minister Dr Farouk Hosni a memo of understanding to foster bilateral co-operation in cultural and artistic fields.

The memo provided for exchange of information, expertise, visits and exhibitions between Kuwait and Egypt and the two sides pledged to broaden their cultural co-operation on all levels.

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Kuwait-Egypt investment decree endorsed

Cabinet discusses ports draft law

KUWAIT, Aug 27. (KUNA) The Cabinet, chaired by HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, today held an ordinary session during which several issues were discussed. State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed stated that the Cabinet discussed the messages exchanged between HH the Amir and Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi that

dealt with topics listed on the agenda of the forthcoming non-aligned summit, to be held in Belgrade on September 3.

The ministers were also briefed on the messages sent by HH the Amir to Presidents of Turkey and Bulgaria respectively Kenan Evren and Todor Zhivkov.

The Cabinet was informed on the message received by HH the Amir from President of Gambia Dawda Jawara on

the latter's recent visit to the country. Rashed said that the ministers were briefed on the message HH the Amir received from President of Ethiopia Mengistu Haile Mariam on bilateral relations.

The state minister said that Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad briefed the Cabinet on results of the 24th session of the Arab Information Ministers' Conference, which concluded

deliberations in Tunis last week. The Cabinet, Rashed said, reviewed and endorsed a decree submitted by the legislative committee on an agreement that encourages and protects investments between Kuwait and Egypt, signed in Cairo last May.

The minister discussed a draft law on increasing the capital of the Ports Public Authority.

Kuwaitis at KPC only 12pc, says union

THE Union of Labourers in the Petroleum and Petrochemical Industries has refuted statements by the executive assistant to the Chairman of the Board at the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation Abbas Malek in which he said Kuwaitis formed 45 per cent of the total staff operating within the KPC and related companies.

A spokesman for the union said that a survey of the actual number of staff operating within the KPC revealed that the national labour force did not exceed 12 per cent, and that this percentage would drop to 4 per cent during periodical maintenance seasons at refineries as temporary maintenance technicians were hired to carry out required services.

Low
The spokesman said that the total number of Kuwaitis operating within the oil sector in the country was still very low, as only 5 per cent of the total staff employed by the Kuwait Oil Tankers Company and only 6 per cent of the labour force operating at the Mina Abdullah Refinery are Kuwaitis.

He pointed out that these figures were collected from true data about the actual number of people employed whether through direct recruitment or temporary positions filled by contractor-supplied staff.

He added that tens of thousands of applications made by fresh Kuwaiti graduates seeking employment in the oil sector were currently shelved while the KPC had cancelled its professional, training, centre, and programme of annual training courses for starters in the field of maintenance.

Staff
The spokesman also said that some of the existing Kuwaiti staff had been frozen on their grades for years now, for lack of a special plan to regulate their promotion to higher grades. The same was the case within the Petrochemical Industries Company, while its branch companies abroad contained no Kuwaiti staff whatsoever.

He appealed to officials in the oil sector to verify the content of their statements on the percentage of Kuwaiti staff within their work sites and avoid overlooking the existing reality, otherwise problems would accumulate, solutions far to reach, efforts in vain and plans dislocated.



Maintenance contract signed

Interior Minister and Acting Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem signed a contract yesterday for the repair and maintenance of 110 road rollers for Kuwait Municipality with Kuwait Public Transportation Company. The annual cost of the contract is about KD1.5 million. The contract will be valid for three years.

Renovation of old buildings vital to overall image: Duaij

Landlords ask for more time

THE restoration and renovation of buildings law issued by Kuwait Municipality recently is still raising many complaints among landlords and real estate owners. A number of landlords have readily accepted the law and already started renovating their buildings while another section of real estate owners all still unhappy with the new law due to timing for implementation which they indicate as being inadequate.

A number of landlords stated that due to the country's economical conditions and the stagnation in the real estate market affected by the "Manakh crisis," they cannot conduct any restorations at the present time and requested an extension.

Renovation

A local daily conducted an opinion poll of a number of landlords and real estate owners to obtain their views about the new municipality law. The survey indicated several different reactions towards the new law, some were in favour while others were against. A third party of landlords were evasive and indicated a sense of indifference.

Head of the Buildings Renovations and Restorations Section at Kuwait Municipality, Engineer Osama Al Duaij indicated that reactions to the new decision were positive and included all levels of citizens, landlords and real estate owners. He stated that the new municipality decision will resolve an important problem connected with the civilised

representation of the country. A large number of landlords and real estate owners have already petitioned the section and showed positive reactions towards the decision. He added that a large percentage of landlords have already completed renovation and restoration of their buildings and other landlords are in the process of following.

Duaij anticipated that the number of renovated buildings will increase during the coming months since a large number of landlords are currently spending their holidays abroad. The period was extended until the end of September, Duaij said.

He stressed that regular maintenance to buildings is considered a protective operation aimed at avoiding any future problems. The renovation of buildings should cover the constructional feature and other elements showing the external site of the buildings. He added that the Buildings Renovations and Restorations Section take over the duties of supervising the operation and following it up.

Duaij pointed out that violations of the new law will entail legal measures after issuing a citation which is then raised to the general prosecution and the case transferred to court. Violators are usually compelled to pay a specific fine indicated by the court and then are directed to renovate the building. Duaij added that a warning notice is sent to landlords before taking such measures and they are given a maximum of one month period to comply with directives of the notice.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Somali minister

KUWAIT, Aug 27. (KUNA) Somalia's Defence Minister Hussein Sheikh Abdul Rahman arrives here tonight for a few days official visit to Kuwait.

The Somali minister will convey a message to HH the Amir from President Mohammed Siad Barre.

He said upon his departure from Mogadishu airport that he will hold talks with Kuwaiti officials on means of enhancing co-operation between the two countries.

Education meet

KUWAIT, Aug 27. (KUNA) Higher Education Minister Dr Ali Al-Shamlan leaves here tomorrow for Damascus to attend the 4th conference of the Arab Higher Education and Scientific Research Ministers from the period Aug 28 to 31.

Shamlan will be accompanied by a delegation, comprising director general of the Public Authority for Applied Science and Training Dr Abdul Rahman Al Mhailan, Director General of Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Dr Ahmad Al Jassar and Dean of the College of Education at Kuwait University Dr Abdul Rahman Al Ahmad.

Interior order

ACTING Interior Ministry assistant undersecretary for police affairs Brigadier Mohammad Qabandi has issued a decision banning police officers and ministry personnel operating inside the different administrative departments and divisions from toting arms or related ammunition.

The decision excluded police personnel and officers operating at police stations, vital national installations security guards, coastguards and officers assigned to special missions.

Official decree

KUWAIT, Aug 27. (KUNA) The official gazette "Kuwait Alyoum" published in its latest issue a decree appointing Mohammed Ibrahim Al Najran Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Kuwait to Bangladesh.

Bangladesh envoy

THE Ambassador of Bangladesh, K.M. Shehabuddin, yesterday met Abdul Aziz Al Khodair, the Director of Asia and Africa Department, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They discussed matters of mutual interest to further strengthen relations between Bangladesh and Kuwait.

Speciality centres planned

Test-tube births now routine

By Mahmoud Mursi

THE director of Sabah General Centre for Medical Specialties Dr Mahmoud Foudari said that operations related to test-tube babies has become routine for doctors in Kuwait.

He added that efforts of surgeons in Kuwait to follow-up and study the case of the Siamese Twins born in Kuwait at the end of 1987 at Adam Hospital have become an international reference for medical specialists and researchers around the world. The Siamese twins were Egyptian and they were joined at the chest having one heart and one spleen. They lived at the intensive care unit of Ibn Sina Hospital for 13 days before they died. The Public Health Ministry made extensive contacts with speciality hospitals in the advanced countries according to instructions of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister in order to save their lives.

Meanwhile, Bader said that Babbain Centre for Plastic Surgeries and Burns will be opened during

the celebrations of the coming National Day (February 1990) and final touches are being given to the building.

The number of medical cadres and technicians, who will work at the centre have also been increased, the official said and added that the ministry is now receiving the medical equipment of the centre imported from different suppliers which cost about KD600,000. The centre will offer precise specialisations in plastic surgery. The centre (Sabah Centre) is now putting the final touches to carry out liver transplants at the Organs Transplant Centre. Most of the medical and administrative cadres required for these surgeries have been prepared and such surgeries will begin as of the new year. He added that Hussein Makki Al Jumaa Centre for fighting cancer will start a new surgery for marrow transplant which he described as essential to treat blood cancer (leukemia) and the Thalassemia. Al Razi Orthopaedic Hospital will specialise as a training centre for new orthopaedic specialisations shortly, he added.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Work-related accidents on the rise in Bahrain

IN recent times there has been an increase in the number of occupational or industrial accidents in Bahrain involving mainly workers in the construction sector. The number of casualties, including fatalities, have been a subject of serious concern to both authorities and workers alike. Industrial employers in the island like everywhere else in the Gulf have to follow a stringent set of general safety precautions for their employees at all times, particularly when it concerns potentially dangerous tasks. Adequate equipment, protective uniform and other measures must be provided to the labourers concerned. Employers who fail to comply with the safety regulations for their workers are workers are subject to face serious consequences in the form of heavy fines and in extreme cases suspension of the operation or closure.

Neglect
Because of several accidents in a number of construction projects in the past few months the authorities have frequently appealed to industrial companies to increase adequate safety measures at work for their workers and warned of stiff penalties if they failed to comply with rules. In spite of this official call, it seems some employers turn a blind eye to the potentially dangerous jobs which they expect their employees to carry out. It appears that comprehensive safety measures are neglected by some parties who either do not foresee that a particular job could severely injure a person or even jeopardise his life or they are only concerned with reducing costs by not procuring the proper protective equipment for the job at hand.

However, it must be admitted that large industrial giants generally follow satisfactory protective measures and industrial accidents in such complexes are a rare occurrence. In some aspects workers are also responsible for performing their duties within the safety rules.

Last week an Indian construction worker fell to his death after slipping from a water-tank while working at a project in Sitra. It was officially reported that this death was an accident, while the employers were unavailable for comment. A few months back another Indian labourer died when the roof of the sewage plant where he was working caved in. Two fellow workers survived the ordeal however. And yet another worker fell to his death last year, this time working on a new multi-storied building when the supporting structure collapsed suddenly.

Hazards
While it is deemed reasonable to assume and even accept that occupational hazard exists in certain construction related projects, the employers must do their part to ensure that the risk of such accidents at work is considerably reduced by providing the necessary protective measures at all costs.

30pc ENT infections caused by allergies

EAR, nose and throat specialist at Sabah Hospital, Dr Ismael Mohammed Al Foudari stated that 30 per cent of ENT problems are due to allergies.

In a special interview with a local daily Foudari said that he was in favour of surgically removing tonsils if swellings occurred five times in a span of one year. He added that tonsillitis infections as a result of swelling leads to breathing difficulties.

The specialist said that heavy smoking over an extended period of time eventually leads to a large extent in a diminished level of the sense of smell and will cause chronic inflammations which may lead to cancer.

Ear cleaning

Foudari warned against using match sticks and keys to clean ears. He indicated that using these tools lead to acute swellings pointing out that cleaning ears is the job of specialists only.

He commented that hoarseness may be caused by growth in the vocal cords or by screaming most of the time.

Snoring

Snoring while sleeping is mostly caused by having an abnormal growth behind nose area or by bad positioning while asleep.

He rejected that appointments given to patients are spread over long periods of time and that they are within the time-frame compared to other countries.

All types of nose, throat and ear-diseases do exist in Kuwait, but allergic diseases take on added dimensions especially during summer and spring seasons. Such allergies may appear because of dust storms, Foudari said.

Sheep disease ...

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advertised Australian meat, slaughtered in Kuwait, as 550 fils a kilo.

Most other meat shops followed suit, although consumers need to bargain to bring down the prices from 600 to 550 fils. The government, a few years ago had fixed Australian meat prices at 750 fils a kilo.

Another surprise was a drop in the price of the Arabian sheep meat. The prices have always remained KD1.250 a kilo and rarely dropped below KD1.200.

As many consumers seemed to have decided not to buy Australian meat after the controversy, it was expected that the prices of the Arabian sheep meat would go up. But it appears consumers demand dropped for both types of meat. However, Turkish meat remained normal at around 750 fils a kilo.

Well informed sources said yesterday that the authorities in the company are paying great attention to the Australian sheep.

It was also learnt that the shipment of the Australian sheep was imported by a local livestock trading company in which the government is a 65 per cent shareholder. It was also learnt that official contacts are being made between the animal husbandary and veterinary officials in the GCC states to adopt a unified action against the imports of Australian live sheep if they are proved to be suffering from contagious diseases.

Meanwhile, commercial sources in the Kuwait sheep market expressed fears that the competition among the major local importers led to the import of Australian sheep rejected by

Saudi Arabia. The sources disclosed to an Arabic daily that Australia made extensive contacts in the local market after Saudi Arabia rejected about five shipments of live Australian sheep. The sources added that the prices offered by those Australian companies were "below imagination."

This could be the main reasons why one of the companies accepted the offer.

Other importers also received lucrative offers from the Australian companies to purchase the Saudi-rejected sheep, but they refused, sources said, and added that the surprise drop in Australian meat prices validates this claim, the sources stressed.

One merchant said that the sharp drop in meat prices forced his company to stop selling and restricted distribution to its outlets only. The KD15.500 price for Australian sheep remained unchanged for the past four months until last week at which time the local company announced the reduction.

This has led to a sharp drop in the Australian meat prices from KD15.500 to KD12 per slaughtered sheep.

The Saudi ship Tabuk arrived in Kuwait on Aug 10 carrying over 72,000 Australian sheep estimated to cost about \$3 million. The price paid by the Kuwaiti company is much less than the normal \$38 per head.

In another development, the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources has instructed all importers of live Australian sheep to suspend any expected shipments on the grounds that these sheep might be infected with infectious diseases.

Smugglers arrested

JAHRA traffic police patrols have reportedly been able to arrest three men attempting to smuggle 36 cartons of whisky, following a two-hour chase.

A police officer suspected a vanette travelling on the desert road to be drove towards it with the intention of having a look at the driver's ID-card. However the vanette sped on and did not stop at police request.

The chase went on for several kilometres, but when the car got stuck in a bed of sand, the police managed to get hold of the driver and two other men with him as they tried to escape on foot, and confiscated the load of liquor.

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OPINION

Meaningful visit

HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed will be in Cairo today. Indeed it is a big and important occasion from which various conclusions can be drawn. It is the meeting of attitudes, policies and designed to arrange patriotic and national interests.

Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed, will be accorded a huge popular reception that confirms the passionate status that our Amir enjoys with the Egyptian political leadership and with the Egyptian people, many of whom work in our country and thus establishes a circle of interests in Kuwait. We, on the other hand, are linked with a balanced cultural relations with the Egyptian people.

The meeting of attitudes, supported by the important place Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed occupies in Egypt, is in fact a new foundation for the Arab bilateral relations, which according to Kuwaiti and Egyptian leaderships, should be the example for what relations between Arab countries should be. For this reason, the visit of HH the Amir to Egypt is attracting wide attention from the various Arab circles. Most importantly, it has overcome the state of imbalance in the Arab relations that prevailed in the past. It has succeeded in establishing new type of relations, not emanating from political investments which are based upon passions.

The new Kuwait-Egypt relations go deeper to link the interests of the two brotherly peoples, thus providing it more strength to withstand future change of attitudes and problems.

The welcome he receives today in Egypt is an indication of the Egyptian thorough understanding of his personality, policies and his calculations in development and construction of countries. In addition, it is an indication that Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed's way of ruling and his dealing with the Arab and international issues, is attracting deep appreciation and high esteem from the Egyptian leadership. He is a man of principles and not a professional politician who has no heart. It is his principles that guide his policies and not the contrary. These principles also include the views on what the Arab relations should be and what realistic methods should be applied for principles not to remain words or simply good intentions without implementation.

By his frankness, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed has succeeded in making this way of dealing very understood, even though this frankness is sometimes painful. The man of principles cannot deal except with reality. With this high value that the personality of Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed enjoys, he enters Cairo after a long absence. He enters with his principles and ideas to what the relations should be with Egypt and to what should be the practical outcome of his visit.

The man, guided by his special way of ruling and dealing and with his understanding, does not speak except practically. His thoughts are well understood. He believes in a balanced world between the big and small. He believes in an integrated and co-operating world. He applies this belief into working initiatives. He launched one of them in the United Nations by proposing a solution to the world difficult debts. He also believes in Arab bilateral relations based upon integration, linking interests, balanced economic performance, feasible investments and reasonable and guaranteed employments.

Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed is well aware of what great abilities Egypt has which can be invested in a perfect way in order to achieve economic integration. This only can save us all from the backwardness and from the restriction of the Third World that is suffering from debts and unable to meet its needs.

The Amir is aware that Egypt is important to him as it is important to the regional development. He also knows that going to Egypt cannot be fruitful if it is made by individual adventures and personal attempts. So there is no alternative, but to undertake organisation at the highest level in relations to investments which are run by states. This alone will determine the channels of investment and its fields and will positively ensure that objectives set are successfully achieved.

The Egypt that receives Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed today by its political leadership and its masses understands all of the steps that Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed is planning for Egypt. It also expresses true feelings and understanding that it is receiving a leader of a state that is considered one of the main keys of the Arab Gulf area ideally suited for investment opportunities.

We shall not hasten at arriving at decisions which is the way the Amir is thinking, because the visit will show the situation and give us a full result in detail for the horizons of the Kuwaiti-Egyptian relations that will cover the last decade of this century.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1532 — Suleiman I. Sultan of Turkey, ravages Carinthia and Croatia.
- 1574 — Treaty of Bristol settles commercial disputes between English and Spanish merchants.
- 1619 — Gabor Bethlen of Transylvania invades Hungary.
- 1640 — Scots defeat British force at Newburn-on-Tyne.
- 1793 — British force under Admiral Alexander Hood occupies Toulon, France.
- 1833 — British Parliament bans slavery throughout British empire.
- 1848 — Boers are defeated at Boomplatz by British forces and retire across Vaal river, thus insuring Orange river sovereignty.
- 1849 — Venice, Italy, submits to Austria after long siege.
- 1879 — British troops capture Cetwayo in Zulu war with Africa.
- 1910 — Montenegro is proclaimed independent kingdom under Nicholas I.
- 1928 — All-party congress at Lucknow, India, votes for dominion status within British empire.
- 1943 — Japanese resistance ends on island of New Georgia in the Solomon during World War II.
- 1973 — Earthquake hits area southwest of Mexico City, killing 500 people and injuring 1,000 others.
- 1975 — France flies troops and police to its Mediterranean island of Corsica to quell demonstrations for autonomy.
- 1986 — Bolivian government imposes nationwide state of siege in response to march to La Paz by about 7,000 miners opposed to closing of mines.
- 1987 — Leftist rebels in El Salvador propose five-day ceasefire in September in their almost 8-year-old war against US supported government.
- 1988 — Italian Air Force jet collides in air with two other jets, plunges into a crowd of spectators at air show in Ramstein, West Germany, killing at least 45 people and injuring about 500.

Thousands cross European borders

See no evil, hear no evil

HUNDREDS of thousands of people are crossing European borders in the largest such migrations in years, leaving behind loved ones and possessions. Some leave voluntarily, seeking a better life. Others are being forced out.

Ethnic Turks have fled in record numbers from harassment in Bulgaria. East Germans are flooding into West Germany. Moscow is granting many Soviet Jews their long-time wish to emigrate.

About 400,000 ethnic Germans from the Soviet Union and five other Eastern European countries are expected in West Germany this year. That marks an emotional homecoming for the descendants of settlers who also had sought a better life by heading eastward decades or even centuries ago.

"I myself left the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) in 1952," West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher says of the new arrivals from that Communist nation. "I know what's driving these people on, and I know that no one makes a snap decision to flee."

The number of East Germans reaching West Germany this year is expected to hit 100,000, the highest number since 207,000 people arrived in 1961, when the Berlin Wall was built to halt the flow.

So far in 1989, most of the East Germans — leaving behind a growing sense of hopelessness in their bleak, pollution-ridden country — are emigrating legally.

But for those leaving without permission, the escapes can range from a death-defying swim across a Berlin river to a sprint across the border between Hungary and Austria.

A group of 108 East Germans who had taken refuge in the West German embassy in Budapest were allowed Thursday to leave for West Germany, but the Hungarian news agency MTI said the case was an exception that cannot serve as a precedent.

Budapest says up to 5,000 East Germans have reportedly reached the West via Hungary, almost all of them illegally, since the exodus began in the second half of July. Hungarian Foreign Minister Gyula Horn said Thursday 150,000 to 200,000 East Germans are in his country now.

Young

Many of the refugees are young workers who will be sorely missed back in East Germany, a country of 16.6 million people.

West Germany is the promised land for another current wave of European migrants — ethnic Germans whose ancestors settled in what is now the Soviet Union and other parts of Eastern Europe generations ago.

"Last year, we had 200,000, and this year we are counting on 400,000," said Ina Rueli, an expert with the West German Red Cross in Bonn.

The numbers she cited reflect the new arrivals from the Soviet Union, Poland, Romania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

"After the war, it was 12 million people. That was the largest movement," Ms Rueli said, referring to the exodus of Germans from Eastern Europe following the collapse of the Nazi Third Reich. "So, this is really the second-biggest such movement."

By way of comparison, up until 1987 only about 600 ethnic Germans were allowed to emigrate from their homes in the harsh climes of Siberia and Soviet Central Asia.

"Emigration is regarded by many as the only possibility to remain Germans, to preserve their traditions, language and culture," the official Soviet news agency Tass said Aug 17 in summing up the views of a new organization representing the minority's interests.

Last Tuesday, the head of the Soviet visa agency Ovir said that in a flood triggered by eased travel restrictions, 200,000 Soviets are expected to emigrate in 1989. Rudolf Kuznetsov said about 107,000 already have received permission to leave this year. Most of the emigrants go to the United States and West Germany.

The ethnic Turks who had been streaming out of



An ethnic Turk crossing the Bulgarian border at Kapikule waits in front of what he brought from Bulgaria as his grandchild sits among the luggage and sacks piled over each other.

Bulgaria are leaving behind official harassment bordering on outright persecution.

Authorities in Sofia have embarked on a brutal assimilation campaign, forcing the ethnic Turks to adopt slavnic names. The ethnic Turks say they have been fined and beaten for speaking Turkish in public and practicing Islamic rites.

The number leaving had climbed to more than 300,000 in three months, before Ankara started clamping down last Tuesday on refugees fleeing by motor vehicle, in hopes of forcing concessions from Bulgaria's Communist authorities.

Turkey is seeking to control the pace of the exodus and ensure immigrants are compensated for property left behind and accumulated pension benefits. New arrivals now are required to have visas from Turkish consulates.

Turkish authorities previously had stopped the daily train carrying the ethnic Turks, because of what foreign ministry spokesman Murat Sungar called "disorderly and inhuman treatment" by the Bulgarians.

About 30,000 Romanians, most of them ethnic Hungarians, have fled to Hungary over the past two years. The ethnic Hungarians also have claimed violations of their rights to use their language and maintain their cultural traditions.

Hungary's willingness to take in the refugees and Budapest's championing of the Romanian ethnic Hungarian minority's rights have worsened the already-strained relations between the two Warsaw Pact allies.

The Soviet Union has opened up the exit door for one of its best-known minorities — the estimated 1.8 million to 3 million Jews. Since 1971, about 300,000 Soviet Jews have emigrated.

Thousands of them have made their way to Italy by way of Vienna, hoping to reach the United States. But while the United States used to welcome the Soviet Jews with open arms, that policy was tightened last October, much to the dismay of the hopeful emigres.

Roberta Elliott, director of public affairs for the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) in New York, says 30,711 Soviet Jews emigrated between October 1988 and the end of July.

She said HIAS figures show that during the same period, 3,858 Soviet Jews went to Israel, 19,366 to the United States and 282 to Australia. As of the end of July, 12,600 Soviet Jews were still waiting in Italy, she said.

About 5,000 of them live and wait near Rome in the small seaside town of Ladispoli, where an old movie theatre has been turned into a synagogue and many of the shops have signs in Russian.

Seeking a better world

Chinese ignore state government propaganda

THE young man stood staring straight ahead. "Police followed me," he hissed through nearly closed lips.

Another meeting gone awry.

Hours later, at a new place, he explained. "Police came to my house and arrested me. They held me 10 days. I'm still under investigation. I'm afraid my work unit may fire me because of it. I want to leave the country."

There was quiet defiance in his manner — defiance of the official line, as expressed in the People's Daily newspaper, that China's young people should "uphold the Communist Party leadership, wholeheartedly serve the people and struggle hard" and that they should renounce "bourgeois-liberal" — meaning Western — culture.

On another night, more than 100 people, mostly in their 20s, gathered at a private bar for an earth-shaking, rock 'n' roll party.

So much for renouncing bourgeois-liberal culture.

Although swept off Tiananmen Square by the Army the night of June 3-4, the student democracy movement now is an undercurrent, roiling out of officialdom's sight.

Two months into the Communist Party's biggest purge in more than a decade — a final effort by China's aging revolutionaries to preserve their Marxist-Maoist dream — the younger generation has tuned out the government, quietly ignoring a re-education programme launched after Tiananmen.

Many Chinese who talk to foreigners, including some over age 30, say they did not bother to watch the latest government television documentary on the seven-week student movement that the government denounces as counter-revolutionary.

Discreetly, many seek out foreigners in Beijing for information or just to talk.

A shopkeeper, tossing a basin of water out his door and seeing a foreigner, beckoned: "Please come in and have some tea."

A park worker, walking home after an ideological study session that claimed the West was trying to colonize China, sat on a bench next to a foreigner and struck up a conversation.

A young woman selling clothing eagerly pulled a foreigner into her tiny stall.

Like the others, she brought up June 3-4.

"The government says no one died in Tiananmen Square," she says in a low voice. "But we hear on the Voice of America that many people died. We don't believe our own government. Can you tell me what is true?"

The news that went out around the world from Beijing that night and the ensuing days was that the government sent an estimated 150,000 soldiers into Beijing to crush the students' democracy movement.

Hundreds, possibly thousands, of people were killed in two days of street fighting between soldiers with tanks and guns and civilians with stones and Molotov cocktails.

Many urban Chinese are looking abroad for the truth about what is happening in their own country, especially to shortwave radio broadcasts such as the US government-run VOA. China has jammed incoming VOA signals since June, but many Chinese say they are still able to hear occasional snatches of news.

The Chinese have other questions when they meet up with foreigners: is it true that student leader Wang Dan has been arrested? (He was arrested July 2 but the government did not announce it until Aug 17.) How many student leaders escaped? (Fewer than a dozen.) Will US President George Bush impose more sanctions on China? (He says no.)

They also turn to foreigners to pour out bitterness they dare not express to a fellow Chinese.

A taxi driver: "China is still ruled by emperors." Told to an unsympathetic ear, that remark could mean police interrogation and a black mark in his file.

In the aftermath of Tiananmen, the government arrested thousands of people, executed at least 12 and sentenced others to life in prison. It has terrorized the intellectual community by purging the most open-minded and most creative government advisers, writers and academics.

Banners

(Li Lu, a 23-year-old student leader has fled China, told reporters Aug 17 in Geneva, where he had addressed a UN human-rights panel, that 120,000 people had been arrested since June and that some of them had been secretly executed.

"Most of the Chinese people continue to support the students," Li said. They give me every kind of information. For security reasons, I cannot name the sources, but the information is reliable.")

The government has installed cameras along streets throughout Beijing, their long necks occasionally swivelling from side to side. Three cameras watch the Friendship store, which the government runs for foreigners.

It has hung banners from hotels and government buildings that praise the "great and glorious" Communist Party and filled newspapers with editorials

and columns maintaining that the democracy movement was a Western-aided plot to turn China into a "vassal state."

It has televised book burnings, with officials setting fire to hundreds of books said to be reactionary or obscene.

But the government has failed to get all the people to listen, to believe or to participate.

The party's anti-bourgeois liberalism campaign is being ignored like a television show with the sound turned off.

Ten years of contact with the outside world, encouraged by senior leader Deng Xiaoping's policy to the point where old totalitarian methods no longer work to the fullest, as they did in the past.

Deng was respected as a reformer when he began his rule in 1978. But now, as millions of people nation-wide are required to study his words, and movies and books about him proliferate, his prestige could hardly be lower.

"We just string together words from Deng's speech," a Chinese reporter said of his office's mandatory twice-weekly sessions to study Deng. Each person must make a statement, he said, but "it's not necessary to be enthusiastic."

Small numbers of Chinese in Beijing meet in secret to discuss goals of democratic change, but say they have no plans for immediate action.

In most cases, derision or anonymous defiance are the weapons now.

"All of these things will be answered for," says graffiti spray-painted in English on a subway station. Police, apparently uncomprehending, have not washed it off.

At viewings of a new movie lionizing Deng as a young Red Army guerrilla leader, audiences laugh when the young Deng declares: "What I say goes."

"Even back then he had to have his way," said a woman who saw the movie.

After the top leaders pledged to wipe out corruption, it turned out that the sons and daughters of some of them were involved. A ditty began making the rounds about them: "The junior official will wear handcuffs, the middle-level official will make a self-criticism and the top guy will make a report."

Even university students, who are being watched more closely and given more intensive political education than any other group, have dared to show their anger over being punished for protesting. Those going on to graduate school have been ordered to spend one or two years working first; others have been rejected by their prospective employers as politically unsound. (Beijing—AP)

Art Buchwald

Simulated stimulation

TV news is getting more excited than ever. The reason is that there has been a breakthrough. It is now possible to simulate a news story that is as good or even better than the real thing.

The person who invented the SNS (simulated news story) is Arch McGarry, an independent special effects TV producer who is now one of the most sought-after men in television journalism.

"Where did you get the idea to simulate the news?" I asked.

"I was watching an oil spill off California on the evening news. The film was so grainy that you had no idea what was going on. The thought occurred to me that I could simulate a better oil spill than that. So I went to my bathtub and with the help of my kids re-enacted the spill and all the damage that followed. When I showed it to the producer at the evening news show, he was flabbergasted. Now whenever there is an oil spill in the world they use my film instead of the real thing."

"That's great. What other news stories have you simulated?"

"We do a lot of murders. In the past TV news reporters were restricted in showing a crime of passion because their cameras usually got there too late to tape it live. They came to me with the problem, and with models I can simulate any crime 20 minutes before air time."

"Do some people think they're seeing the real thing?"

"Most people believe they are. The advantage of simulation is that you can see a crime from start to finish so you can get emotionally involved."

"Do you simulate political stories in Washington?"

"Yes, we do. The other day one of the networks heard that President Bush had playfully dunked Vice-President Quayle's head underwater a half-dozen times in the Jacuzzi at Camp David. They had no film of it so they asked us if we would re-enact the dunking. We found two look-alikes and did the whole story. No one even knew it wasn't real."

"How about sports? Do you simulate football or basketball events?"

"Not yet, but we're working on it. When it comes to faking it we want to stick with hard news, such as train wrecks or Poland."

"You've simulated Poland?"

"We've simulated what has been going on in Poland. We have a fellow who looks more like Wales than Wales, and we have the best Jaruzelski in the re-enactment business. When we stage a fight between them, it's 10 times better than what happened in Warsaw."

"Do you ever talk about Bloch, the alleged spy?"

"I'm very proud to have been the first one to simulate the Bloch spy caper. To do it right I built the entire city of Vienna in our studios in Brooklyn. Not one news organization has ever done so much simulation on a story."

"I couldn't dispute him. When I saw it I felt I was sitting in the FBI's chair at the Secher Hotel. Did you base the swapping of the briefcases on the real thing?"

"Everything we simulate has to have authenticity or the networks couldn't call it news." 1989 Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

Quote me

"Love one another as God loves each one of us." — "Remember: The work of love is the work of peace." — Mother Teresa said in 79th birthday message.

"We have constructive proposals for the peaceful settlement of the Afghan conflict, for dialogue and negotiations and the participation of all sides involved." — Afghanistan Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil said as he leaves for Belgrade to attend a non-aligned summit next week.

"We have no conditions to the revival of the committee's efforts but it should implement the Arab summit's resolutions on Lebanon in full. The dead end which the committee has reached has nothing to do with Syria's position and we are confident that there was lots of time left for it not to reach that result." — Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara said in a news conference in Amman.

"We are keeping our fingers crossed as we know lives are involved, but the chances now are grim." — A PIA spokesman said after the third day's search for the missing Pakistani airliner.

"I ask you who is a better champion: chess champion or boxing champion?" he replied. "They are both champions but in different classes." — Loch Wales was asked during an interview with Brazilian television who was more important, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev or the Pope.

"It's one way to force everybody's hand. He is been the Khmer Rouge's lifeboat for years." — One Western diplomat said about Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

"My visit to Jordan comes within the framework of consultations... on various issues affecting the situation in the Middle East and ways of achieving regional peace. I will discuss the situation in Lebanon and what changes it constitutes regionally. Practical steps should be taken to condense political efforts aimed at solving the Lebanese problems through national agreement." — Soviet envoy Gennady Tarnosov said as he arrived in Jordan from Beirut for talks on ways to end Lebanese crisis.

"In conditions like those we had today, there is always a danger of pressing too hard. There is a tendency to want to press on faster than is prudent. So, the key thing was to suppress natural instincts slightly and keep inside the limits. I always found myself wanting to push on harder and harder, but had to draw back. But I cannot complain about the weather as I always seem to have good results in these conditions." — Aryston Senza said after he won the Belgian Grand Prix.

"I knew I had to make four birdies on the homeward half to catch him and make sure he did not go past me to the table." It's my happiest day of the year. — Jose-Maria Canizares of Spain said after sharing of fifth position in the German Open.

"I spoke to Sandy in America by telephone last night. I was his personal request that he should not be included in the team. I did my best to dissuade him and told him he had the support of all the players. It was tough, tough decision for Sandy to make and I admire him for the guts and bravery it took to make it. Sandy feels incapable of sustaining the pressure of playing Ryder Cup gold and I can't ask him to do something he does not want to do." — European Ryder Cup captain Tony Jacklin said.

"It's not who you play, it's how you play. I've been saying for years that I'm No. 1 in the 20-and-over. I just need to kidnap (opponent) Sush Graf and then I'll be No. 1 by default." — said Nastavnikova, 32, who's ranked No. 2 in the world.

Dispute over Dead Sea scrolls

42 years on, texts still not available to many scholars

By Galina Vromen

FORTY-TWO years after they were discovered in Judean desert caves, the Dead Sea scrolls are at the centre of a bristling academic dispute. In one camp sits a select group of scholars entrusted by Jordan in the 1950s to publish the 2,000-year-old texts which contain invaluable information about the history of Judaism and the origins of Christianity. Rival colleges accuse them of unreasonable delays in getting the material out and denying others access to the vital texts housed in East Jerusalem's Rockefeller museum.

At a Dead Sea Scroll conference from August 20 to 23 at Groningen University, North Netherlands, Biblical scholars described their

latest research dryly during official sessions but passionately discussed the feud during lecture breaks. "People are building scholastic empires," said Robert Eisenman of California University at Long Beach who has led the challenge to what he sees as barriers to access for himself and others.

Archaeology

"These people are spoiling my career because the stuff I want to work on I can't see," said fellow "rebel" Philip Davies of Sheffield University in England. "How long should we have to wait to see them publish the material?"

Their complaints have been echoed by the

145,000-circulation Biblical Archeology Review whose editor Hershel Shanks earlier this summer criticised the scrolls' editors. The complaints are rejected by the 20-odd scholars at work on the Qumran editorial project, named after the caves where the 11 scrolls and hundreds of fragmented manuscripts were found. They point out that some seven annotated volumes of photographic plates — about a third of the texts — have been released since the project began. "People expect too much," said one editor, Emile Puech from the French Ecole Biblique, a Catholic-affiliated institution in Jerusalem which received the original mandate from Jordan to set up the scroll editorial team. "The first volumes were of fairly complete

scrolls. But now it is a matter of putting together photos of thousands of remaining fragments. It's not a simple matter to figure out how to fit them together and it takes time," he said. Editors add that they hold down regular teaching jobs and must work on the scrolls between semesters or during leave. "No one is more impatient to get the stuff out than we are," said editor Eugene Ulrich of Notre Dame University in Indiana. The controversy comes in part because the scrolls are considered one of the most important Biblical discoveries of the century. The sections already published have brought insight into a sect of Jews known as Essenes who led an ascetic, communal lifestyle near Qumran from about 200 BC to 70 AD.

AIDS child finds love

Abandoned at birth

AS THE AIDS epidemic grows, so does the problem of who is to care for people with the disease. Ignorance and fear about AIDS can lead to people with AIDS being in danger of being ostracised. To meet this unprecedented problem, community groups are developing new skills to provide the necessary support.

Abandoned at birth in a New York hospital by her heroin-addicted mother, Aisha (not her real name) was a baby hardly anyone would want to adopt. She was sickly, underweight and irritable, displaying all the symptoms of congenital drug withdrawal. In addition, she carried her mother's antibodies to HIV and might go on to develop AIDS herself. Until a few years ago, she would probably have spent her days in a hospital or public institution.

Fortunately for Aisha, there was an alternative. In 1985, when the problem of abandoned HIV-antibody positive babies began to grow, social worker Phyllis Gurdin set up the Leake and Watts AIDS Foster Home Project, the first and largest such programme in New York State.

She and her colleagues turned to a small but dedicated segment of the population — foster-parents. They not only accept the demands of caring for someone else's child but have to live with the uncertainty of not knowing whether the child will develop AIDS. If this happens, they must be able to provide constant medical care.

Aisha's foster-mother, Chelly Jackson, a black, self-employed single woman, does not fit the image of a "typical" foster-parent. Placement agencies have abandoned the notion of traditional nuclear families as the only appropriate setting for foster-parenting. The shortage of people willing to care for AIDS babies has forced them to become more flexible, while still maintaining stringent screening and psychological evaluation.

"We're finding that non-traditional people do better in this job, because what we're asking is non-traditional," says Gurdin. "We're dealing with unknowns. We don't know how long these children will live. We're looking for people who have had adversity in their lives and can deal with it. We're looking for minority people because many of the babies are black and hispanic, and we like to place them as close to their own cultural background as we can."

The decision to foster AIDS babies is a big one, that might involve a complete change in lifestyle. It is also often accompanied by fear of ostracism by family and friends. "At first some of the people who used to come to my house suddenly did not," says Chelly. "But others come more often because it makes them feel good to be part of Aisha's life, to be aunts and uncles that any good family would provide. So they are a big part of the operation. I couldn't do this alone."

Foster-parents also receive financial support from the placement agency to cover basic needs, medical expenses and "extras" such as paid child care to allow a break from the daily routine. While the financial compensation is attractive, Gurdin emphasises that it is not what motivates foster-parents. "No amount of money would be worth what some of them have to go through," she says.

Training teens

PARIS: The classroom is the ideal place to talk about AIDS prevention, according to youthful activists of the Paris-based non-governmental organisation, Youth Organisation Against AIDS (AJCS).

At the invitation of teachers or students, AJCS sends trained teen volunteers to talk to groups of secondary school pupils encouraging the teacher to leave the room. AJCS president Stephane Manton believes that adults, either doctors or teachers, find it awkward to make presentations on sensitive issues like sexuality and drug use, and children often feel embarrassed and hesitate to speak openly.

But trained teen educators can break the ice. Instead of lecturing, these peer educators share the message of personal responsibility, and stress the need for self-esteem, which equals learning how to protect oneself from AIDS.

France, which has one of Europe's most serious AIDS epidemics, had done little targeted education for youth until the founding of AJCS in 1986, when members appealed for young volunteers on a French TV show for teens.

A core of 20 responded and immediately began conducting surveys to find out the attitudes and knowledge of French teens. They discovered teens held many misconceptions. Some incorrectly believed that contraceptives like the birth control pill and the diaphragm could prevent transmission of HIV; or they believed that they could assess by appearances whether their partner was infected.

In preparation for the classroom, AJCS even did surveys in Paris chemist shops to find out how easy it was to locate and buy condoms so they could advise teenagers how to overcome difficulties. AJCS is modelled on the US Los Angeles Adolescent Treatment and Education Alliance. Its founder, Wendy Arnold, stresses that parents and educators need to be involved in and accept an AIDS prevention project.

In one Parisian suburb, Arnold and her team had to make separate presentations to the mayor, school superintendent, nurses, teachers and parents before teen educators were permitted into classrooms, even though the project had the formal endorsement of the Ministry of Health and Education.

In order to make presentations in Catholic schools, AJCS had to assure parents that their primary aim was to give students the information that AIDS was preventable, and that sex and drug use would not be condoned.

200 kids have AIDS

LONDON, Aug 27 (Reuters) — More than 200 British children have contracted the AIDS virus, according to a report here today.

The popular British newspaper, the News of the World, revealed that 10 youngsters have already died from the killer disease and another 20 have developed the full-blown virus.

The children all received the virus unwittingly from their parents, who did not know they were infected, according to the British Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre.

The problem is said to be particularly serious in London and Edinburgh, Scotland, where there had been a rise in the number of drug-addicted mothers. HIV positive, nursing from the sharing of needles among drug users.

Real life is put on reel

'Dangerous stuff'

By Ivory Davis

This has been the long hot summer of blood-soaked sequels and comic-book mayhem. It has also been the season for some of the best adult movies to come along in a very long time. By adult, one does not mean pornographic, prurient or titillating. These films are simply about real people struggling with dilemmas in ways that illuminate the human condition. And if that sounds pompous or heavy going, it isn't, because at the same time these movies manage to be hugely entertaining, often hilariously funny.

"When Harry Met Sally," "Parenthood" and "Sex, Lies and Videotape" are cinematic sociology, leavened by humor.

What these pictures represent, in one or another, is the attempt by a group of filmmakers to say something about their lives, to follow that hoary dictum: Write what you know. What they know — thankfully — is not suicidal cops ("Lethal Weapon"), pathological caped crusaders or soporific ghost patrols. Their message is that life is often difficult and painful, that we do harmful things to ourselves and others and that it takes an awful lot of luck to get through it relatively sane, whole and with some chance of happiness.

Their films help the rest of us feel a little less alone and a little more related to the people with whom we share the planet. And that, surely, is what movies at their best are all about.

Rob Reiner, still best known for his years as the "Meathead" son of TV's "Archie Bunker," freely admits he directed "When Harry Met Sally" based on his own confusion. Woody Allen has been doing the same thing for years.

"I was divorced and thrown back into the dating world," explains Reiner, a serious man who, nevertheless, has made a very funny movie. "I was making a complete and utter mess of my social life. And the film was born out of the confusion I had about how to relate to the opposite sex. Whether or not a man and a woman could be friends and, if they could, whether sex would always be a component. And, if it was, would sex ruin the friendship?"

Who hasn't experienced the same confusion? Who hasn't wished for a relationship in which there was no best behaviour, no game playing, no manipulation? Who hasn't felt some of Harry and Sally's loneliness, whether they live in Manhattan or Missouri, Mont?

Reiner's "Parenthood" began, he says, on a 17-hour flight to New Zealand, with a pregnant wife, a 6-year-old and 1-year-old twins, who took turns

screaming for the entire flight. "One guy came up to me and he was ashen," Howard recalls. "His eyes were sunk way back in his head and he pleaded, 'Please, I haven't slept in four days. Do something.' I looked at him and said, 'Buddy, if I could, I would.' Getting off that flight with 24 pieces of luggage checked and 22 pieces of carry on, I looked around and thought, 'Man, this is sad but funny, and this is my life now.' And I knew that my next movie would be a sort of overview of the experience of being a parent."

Practically everyone connected with the film has kids, including writer Babaloo Mandel, who is the father of triplets. Story conferences were so reality based, they quickly became more like group-therapy sessions. Howard's partner and the film's producer, Brian Grazer, says those meetings lasted full days.

"We'd sit around and dissect our lives. Occasionally, one of us would come in and say, 'Jeez, I'm mad at my wife, and everybody would turn on him and say, 'You're wrong, you're full of it.' Howard, nodding vigorously, concurs. "We were bringing up problems, then finding the humour in them. So we were laughing about things we cared about, things that range true for us."

That they also ring true for audiences is part of the film's success — as well as the all-star ensemble cast that includes Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen, Dianne Wiest, Tom Hulce, Rick Moranis and Jason Robards. It's all there: the sandwich generation (people with teenagers and aging parents), parents with emotionally vulnerable youngsters trying desperately not to mess them up, parents with alcoholic husbands and fathers. It's about people with troubles who are treading water and trying to remember to laugh.

The characters in "Sex, Lies and Videotape" are younger, tougher and as contemporary as minimalist. They lie, cheat and punish themselves and the people they love. Writer/director Steven Soderbergh brought so much of his own experience to the movie that at one point he publicly apologised for an interview he gave to Rolling Stone detailing the parallels between the reel and real life.

Howard, aware of such possible conflicts, was careful not to have any twins in his movie.

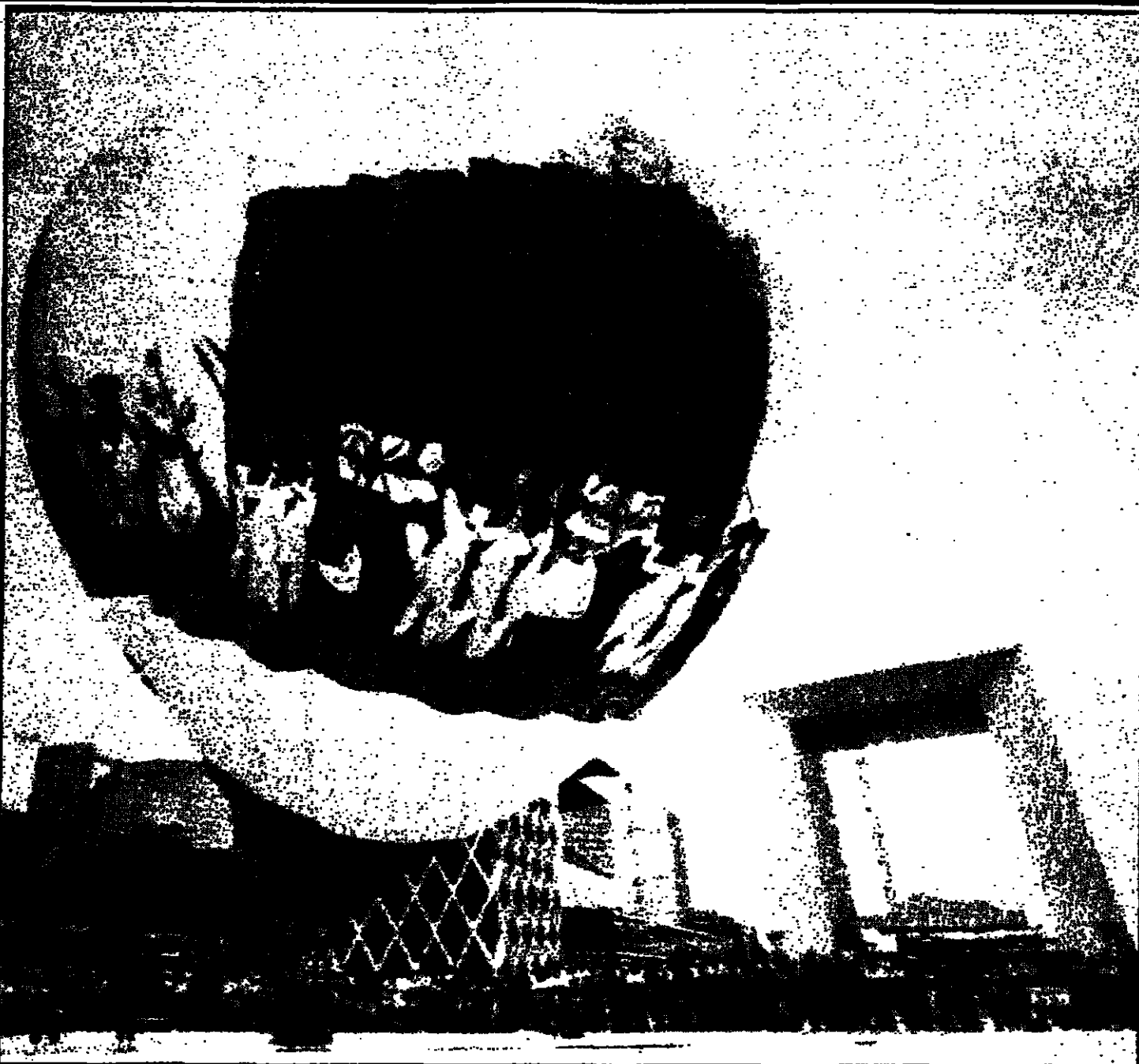
"We didn't want our children thinking at any time in the future that we were talking about them. Even so, my daughter asked me if she was Steve Martin's son in the movie, because sometimes she didn't finish her homework either." This reality-based cinema can be dangerous stuff.

Which brings us to "Dead Poet Society," the kind of movie many of us had despaired of ever seeing in mainstream American cinema again.

Australian director Peter Weir, one of the very few true film geniuses working today, gave himself a tall order: tell a story about conformist '50s prep-school kids, and make it believable and relevant to a generation that regards all discipline as fascist and has exchanged the old school tie for a T-shirt.

The success of these films is — let us hope — sending a message to the corporate types who run the studios.

Audiences will pay just as much to see recognisable human situations as they will to see houses sliding down hillsides, cars flying off bridges, steel-fingered monsters chewing up neighbourhoods or Rambo behind bars.



Bastille blown up

A hot air balloon with a scene from the French Revolution is inflated near L'Arc de la Defense (right) on Aug 26. The hand-painted balloon shows the storming of the Bastille in 1789.

Old walls with big ears

Britain listens in on world

By Peter Millership

FROM an ageing mansion in the heart of England's Berkshire countryside gifted linguists have been picking up vital news bulletins on wars, coups and disasters for the past half century.

Listening intently through headphones and hunched over radio receivers and tape recorders, staff of the British Broadcasting Corporation's monitoring service trawl through about 530 hours of foreign broadcasts a day on the alert for crucial news.

Marble fireplaces and ornate gilded ceilings, however, will soon be swapped for a new high-tech listening room with open-plan workspaces and banks of electronic equipment.

Winding through the passageways of the old building to the new listening room, an extension of the west wing, assistant editor for news Callum MacKechie says: "Welcome to Starship Caversham."

After nearly 50 years government-funded Caversham Park is getting a facelift for its golden jubilee. A multi-million-pound modernisation will provide more receivers

and more staff. A new newsroom — overlooking the estate's gardens which include a lake and a gazebo — is better equipped to handle an increasing avalanche of words plucked from the ether in 38 languages. The glasnost-inspired Soviet information boom strained resources at Caversham which still uses manual wire hoists and pneumatic tubes to send stories around the grand old Georgian building.

"The system was beginning to creak," said Barry Whitehall, general manager of monitoring, explaining the modernisation which will also involve refurbishment of the mansion. "One's always slightly sorry to see elastic bands disappear."

But despite the changes, the basic job remains the same.

Monitors need to react swiftly and accurately to an unexpected news flash. There can be interference to the broadcast and double-checking can mean losing crucial seconds. In a very volatile situation, uprisings or upheaval, monitoring really comes into its own," said Vladimir Rubinstein, a veteran of

the service set up on the eve of World War Two.

Monitoring can help keep media fed with news when airports and communications are shut down after political turmoil. Intelligence services are avid consumers.

Radio can also be used as an extension of diplomatic communication.

In the Cuban missile crisis of 1962 Soviet leaders Nikita Khrushchev used Moscow radio to announce the dismantling of Soviet bases. Informed within minutes of the broadcast, President Kennedy answered: "I am replying immediately to your message... although I have not yet received the official text..."

BBC monitoring works alongside and shares information with a US monitoring-body, the CIA-administered Foreign Broadcast Information Services (FBIS), which is twice its size.

Caversham covers Eastern and Western Europe, Africa, Iran, Afghanistan and parts of the Middle East. "They (FBIS) do the rest of the world. It's a good arrangement," said Whitehall.

Voyager 2 seeks solar system edge

By William Harwood

SAILING the solar wind, NASA's Voyager 2 probe will spend the final years of its robotic life searching for the edge of the solar system as it cruises away from the planets and into the lonely space between the stars.

The 1-ton nuclear-powered spacecraft streaked past Neptune on Thursday and its bizarre moon Triton on Friday, completing a once-in-a-lifetime "grand tour" of the outer solar system that has revolutionised humanity's knowledge about Earth's home in the cosmos.

The Neptune encounter will formally end Oct 2, but Voyager 2's work will be far from over.

Its job, and that of three other American spacecraft, is to search for the very edge of the solar system, the boundary where the invisible bubble of energy surrounding the sun plows into the tenuous "atmosphere" of particles that exist in interstellar space.

The search is the centrepiece of the "Voyager Interstellar Mission, or VIM. The sun is moving through space at about 60,000 mph, (96,500 km) in orbit around the centre of the Milky Way galaxy. Its magnetic field dominates the

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local space environment, along with the solar wind, a supersonic stream of negatively charged electrons and positively charged protons blasted away from the sun.

The result is an invisible bubble of energy with the sun embedded at its centre. As the sun moves through space, the bubble is deformed into a tear-drop shape, compressed in the direction of motion with a "tail" extending behind in its wake.

Ahead of the heliosphere is a "bowshock" a tenuous disturbance analogous to the wave in front

of the bow of a ship as it moves through the water. The boundary of the heliosphere and the interstellar medium is believed to be 75 to 100 times the distance from the Earth to the sun. Voyager 2 currently is about 47 of these "astronomical units" from the sun.

Stanley Shawhan, director of NASA's space physics division, said Voyagers 1 and 2, along with the Pioneer 10 and 11 spacecraft, are equipped with instruments that will detect the crossing of the "heliosphere," the boundary between the solar wind and the sun's magnetic field and the interstellar medium.

"It turns out the instruments have pretty good dynamic range," Shawhan said. "If we get to the heliosphere, which is the major goal, all the fields would jump up, all the instruments ought to light up."

"We don't know whether we're going to start seeing a little turbulence and then a very abrupt transition. Most people feel it won't. Most people feel it will be a gradual transition. It may take a

couple of years (to cross it).

Voyager 2 and its twin, Voyager 1, are equipped with radioisotope thermoelectric generators — RTGs — powered by the decay of radioactive plutonium 238 dioxide. While the power supplies should last until at least 2020 and possibly longer, the spacecraft will be so far from the sun by about 2017 that Earth antennas will no longer be able to gather meaningful data.

"What we're looking for is solar wind effects, as the solar wind gets farther and farther out," he said. "We look at other star systems that probably have magnetic fields, probably have stellar winds, and we're trying to understand... what are we seeing? How do they change with time?"

Frank Carr, chief of flight programmes and deputy director of NASA's office of solar system exploration, said his department is working on a plan to operate Voyagers 1 and 2 for about \$10 million a year. (UPI)



Woody Allen: movies based on his own confusion

Connors remembers Elvis love song

From Frank Durham in Los Angeles

EVERY note beautiful Hollywood composer Carol Connors writes turns to gold. But there is a poignant song of hers that no star has ever sung, no juke box played and no movie mogul has set eyes on.

Carol, award-winning writer for the music for Rocky, plays and sings it only when she is alone in her Beverly Hills home. And then she always weeps a little.

She wrote the song *You Loved My Night Away* in memory of her first love, Elvis Presley. And she can't bear the world to hear the heartbreaking words and music, that could make a pop star's ransom if she allowed them to be published.

Carol, who has written songs for Tom Jones and Frank Sinatra, sat at her piano and gave me an emotional "premiere" of her goodbye to Elvis, who died years ago.

With the Californian sun slanting through the window, Carol sang softly: "Trough whispered words unspoken, Lost in dreams of yesterday, You came to me and You loved my night away"

Then she told me: "I cared about Elvis very much. I was 17-18 at the time and he was my very, very first boyfriend. I'm not going to elaborate on that. If you're a lady, you know what it means."

It was when Carol, now in her thirties, and Elvis were loving each other tender that she wrote her very first song. It was for him, and it was called *My Special Boy*.

Carol told me that her love story began after Elvis heard and fell in love with a song she had recorded called *To Know Him Is To Love Him*.

She recalled: "He said, 'I love the voice of the girl.' One of his friends brought me up to the house in Bel-Air where Elvis

was living and introduced us. After that, we dated for about ten months.

Crowds "He was a gentleman. He didn't like crowds at all and he didn't like going out. We would spend our evenings watching television, talking and singing."

"Of course, he had a great voice, and Elvis just loved mine. I sang *To Know Him Is To Love Him*, with Elvis doing the back-up. Then we would sing some of his hits. There was a tune he'd done that I loved."

Carol's eyes were moist with tears as she sang the first few words of that song: "This is the story..." Then she added: "I would do the harmony to his lead vocal."

Although Carol and the King of Rock made beautiful music together, she knew she was by no means his only girl.

The stunningly attractive composer, who has since dated stars such as David Jannsen, I Spy's Robert Culp and Lee Majors, said: "Elvis was in his twenties and had just come out of the Army. He had already met Priscilla but wasn't married to her. She was in Germany at that time and Elvis was dating other ladies, including Ann Margret. I'm still friends with one of them."

"I used to go to many of Elvis's opening nights at Las Vegas. I could see that he was aware of every single mood that was going on around him. Especially when he was on stage."

"And he knew every single note that was being played or sung by every person in his band. Elvis was phenomenal. The man had the most incredible ear."

The Carol described Elvis the man. The star oozed with his own success. She said: "He was quiet. He did have a temper. I didn't see much of myself, but I heard that there were certain nights when he lost it."

"Elvis was a good man, but night he was telling a joke. It was a miserable joke and I didn't laugh."

"Elvis asked me, 'Why aren't you laughing?' I said, 'Elvis, that was the worst joke I ever heard,' he replied, 'you know that and I know that. But they'll all laugh at anything I say and do anything I want!'"

Then, as is the way in the ever-turbulent world of showbusiness, the young lovers drifted apart. Carol said: "Marriage? It just wasn't meant to be."

Heart But there was always a place in her heart for her first love. And it broke when she heard that Elvis had died.

Carol told me: "I was up at the Beverly Hills Hotel when I heard the news."

"I was terribly stricken by it. I came



When Elvis died, Rocky award-winner Carol Connors (above) wrote a poignant farewell song (left) with which she can't bear to part.



Elvis Presley on stage.

Aborigines go home

Retracing painful steps to families

By Robert Woodward

"I just remember coming home and mum was at the door...there was this white woman standing there and I can hear mum saying: 'Can't you give me time to get the kids ready?'"

And she said: "no, they've got to go now, something like that. One minute we were coming home to the house and the next instant we were in the car and gone."

"We were never ever told why we were taken."

Jean Carter was one of thousands of children taken from their homes under the all-enveloping powers of the Aboriginal Protection Board, which for 86 years forcibly separated aboriginal children from their mothers to turn them into white Australians.

Until 20 years ago, when the board was scrapped, government officials were still deciding if such action "was in the interests of the moral or physical welfare of the child."

The children were assimilated into Australia's white population. Many never saw their families again.

Others, like Carter, retained their black consciousness and up to 50 years later re-established contact with their families.

Thirteen of those who "came home" have recalled their struggles in a book *The Lost Children* published this month.

Police rounded up youngsters on aboriginal reserves, young mothers were persuaded to have their babies adopted within hours of birth and children were taken away with the promise they would be returned educated or trained.

Filmy

The reasons given were often filmy. "Why admission is sought — to take the child from association of aborigines as she is a fair-skinned child," read the entry on a form placing Joy Williams in a children's home.

In New South Wales one in six aboriginal children born from 1900 to 1969 are estimated to have been removed from their parents.

Depending on their age, some were adopted by white families, others were placed as nannies or other types of servants. Most were put in children's homes.

"Every time I was in trouble I was being told that it was because I was aboriginal, bad, lazy," said Nancy de Vries. "The usual stereotyping was very obvious in those days because I think they firmly believed all those things."

In the 1920s, state and federal governments adopted a policy of assimilation for aborigines, especially those of mixed blood, based on the assumption a white way of life was desirable.

"They were turning me into a white person, they were taking my whole culture and my whole everything from me and making me what they wanted me to be as an adopted child," said Sherry Atkinson.

The aboriginal population fell to 70,000 in the 1930s from 300,000 at the time of the white settlement in 1788.

In the 1960s the assimilation policy came under increasing criticism and the right of aborigines to maintain their racial identity was acknowledged. Aborigines, who now make up one per cent of the 16 million population, estimate 100,000 people may be unaware of their black roots.

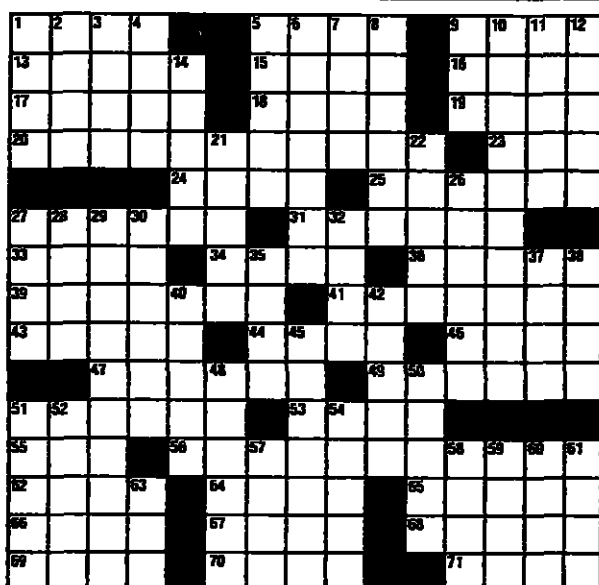
"The lost children" found it tough as young adults to assume black ways after years living in a white world.

Sharon Carpenter was not the only child who found fellow aborigines did not welcome her back with open arms.

"I think maybe it's because the koories (aborigines) who have grown up in the cities and towns have had such a struggle, maybe they think 'Oh you've grown up white and had it all easy and now you want the glory of being black,'" Carpenter said.

"I can understand that," she added. "But it has to be a two-way thing. It's easy when white people say you're not black... but when black people say you're not, that hurts."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Near island
 - Arachnid's traps
 - ADC, for one
 - Move without power
 - Elide
 - Caen's neighbor
 - Mr. Gantry
 - Nothing more than
 - Caspian Sea country
 - Reproved
 - Abbr. on a wanted poster
 - Tie
 - Form of verse
 - Neighbor of Philadelphia
 - Followed
 - Athena epithet
 - Cyber system
 - Cotton worker
 - Dispatcher
 - Mounted
 - Famous sidekick
 - Italian wine city
 - Sir Geraint's wife
 - Testify
 - Small anchors
 - Ogler
 - Acted a little like Little
 - Hearing aid
 - Defended a client
 - One of seven
 - La Scala highlight
 - Dudley or Gary
 - Do a hawk's job
 - Oxford fellows
 - Without company
 - Side

- DOWN**
- Wise one
 - Change for a five
 - Genus of trees
 - Painted tinplate
 - Pack down
 - Exploiter
 - Certain voter
 - Corrected the text
 - Boston hero
 - Mans the tiller
 - "Do — say..."
 - Fence-sitters' position
 - Quench
 - Of sound quality
 - Shinnecock, for one
 - Holiday pie
 - Thomas had this?
 - Approached
 - Broadway group

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

NTH PASTIA LANA
NORA ACTOR AMEN
IVAN THUMSDOWN
PLEDGER MOP STA
SLEPT EYRE
ISLAM SETAE
OTIC IVES COBRA
KICKUPONESHEELS
STEUP NDAK TEES
ODDER ERICH
NEED PERKS
SKY DNA SALMONS
HEADSTRONG ADIT
ANNO ATRREE RETS
WOKE LOBES KOS

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠KJ6 ♥873 ♦AQ653 ♣93
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ 2 ♥ ?

What do you bid now?
A.—The choice is between a gross overbid, three diamonds, and a slight underbid, two spades. Since gross overbids lead to major disasters, we would opt for the conservative two spades in the hope of getting a chance to catch up later.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AQ1073 ♥AKJ ♦Q107 ♣62
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—Your hand values to 17 points, so you are worth a try for game. We would bid three diamonds, asking partner to evaluate his holding in that suit for game purposes.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠A9874 ♥KJ6 ♦83 ♣AQ7
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♦ Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—Your task is to warn partner that you have no fit, a thin suit and values in the unbid suits. The way to get all that information across in one fell swoop is to bid three no trump.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠97 ♥AKJ95 ♦63 ♣AKQ4
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 ♥ Pass

3 ♥ Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—If you moved toward slam, we hope it was because you forgot that partner was a passed hand. If not, we question your hand valuation. You have five possible losers, and you can hope for at most three cover cards from partner. That still leaves you with two losers. Sign off in four hearts.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K763 ♥8 ♦AKJ987 ♣K6
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass ?

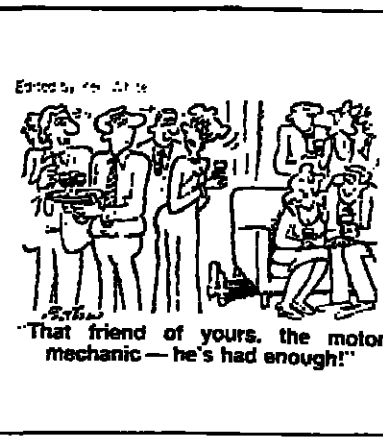
What do you bid now?
A.—We don't blame you if you bid six spades, but we feel you should investigate grand slam possibilities. The way to do so is to cue-bid four diamonds, which tends to show both top honors since it is in the suit you bid initially, and see how partner reacts.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K763 ♥8 ♦AKJ987 ♣K6
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—To all intents and purposes all side-suit losers have been accounted for. (The only exception is where partner holds specifically three low diamonds.) Therefore, a grand slam depends only on the trump situation. To find out whether partner holds both missing top spade honors, use the Grand Slam Force. Bid five no trump.

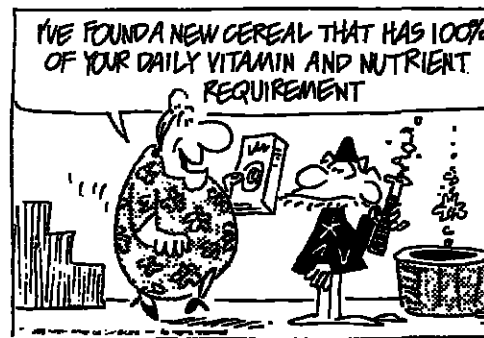


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"No, I'm not eating any, I couldn't eat that garbage!"



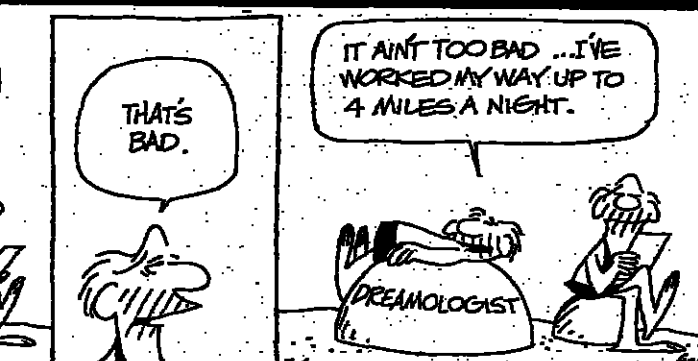
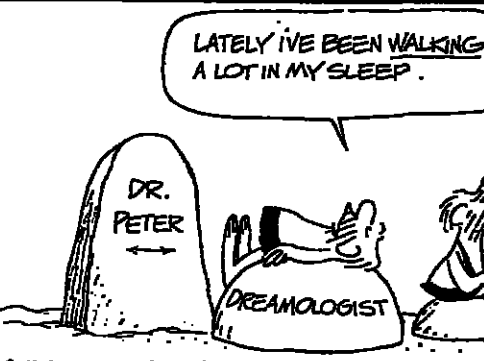
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"That friend of yours, the motor mechanic — he's had enough!"

THE WIZARD OF ID



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will have something to be pleased about but should not let it go to your head. Everything will take just a little longer, so waste no time. Do not think you are always in the right. Be respectful.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Set a good example particularly where your children are concerned. Make sure you do not have too many late nights. Exercise should not become a trial to you. Be observant.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be able to make good progress with an important project. Others will be more inclined to believe what you say. However if you try to deceive them you will be found out and not believed again. Be loyal.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should not be afraid to admit it if you have been wrong. You will not be in the best of moods so try to keep out of an argument. Make sure you eat a well balanced diet. Be hopeful.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

Someone you had been expecting to be on your side will turn out not to be. You should try to avoid being or giving rise to jealousy. Make sure you have followed the instructions carefully when using a new device. Be generous.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You have no time to waste but you should not consider tying up a waste of time. There is nothing to be gained by trying to cut a few corners. Have a good laugh at yourself. Be abstinent.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You should not try to use force where charm and persuasion may get you nowhere. Make sure your partner does not feel put out or neglected. Try to keep things simple. Be resilient.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Something you have been trying to do will all of a sudden succeed. You are liable to deceive yourself, so beware. Do not do anything you know is bad for your health. Be reliable.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Nothing will go quite the way you would wish it would have. However you will still get a good opportunity. Your lucky numbers are 12 and 28. Make sure you do not break a promise. Be cordial.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You should not trust too much, too luck although you may well have some. There is a greater chance of mistakes so be on the lookout for them. Be moderate.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You are liable to miss details so be on the lookout for them. Do not rely on others to do things for you. And do not place too much reliance on guesswork. Be sincere.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

Give due attention to something that is a little unpleasant but cannot be altogether avoided. You will be able to deal with a person you do not much care for. Make sure you do not behave badly. Be tactful.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Population imbalance should get top priority

Industrial sector needs new strategy: study

By M.C. Bosa
Business editor

THERE is no clear picture about the exact role of industrialisation in Kuwait, a recent study conducted by a Kuwaiti bank stressed. The study quoted a report made in 1985 by the Economy Activation Committee as saying that the strategic decision that considers the industry as one of the means to diversify the production base, is still lacking. This in turn, lead to the absence of a clear picture about the role of industry and the absence of a programme that determines its priorities.

The study said that there is no clear answer whether diversifying the production base is a strategic goal for the development and whether industry is one of its means. The study which centred on the main obstacles facing industrialisation and the industrial sector in Kuwait, said that this is one of the major obstacles facing industry in Kuwait.

The study added that another obstacle is that so far the concerned authorities have not decided on which industries they would like to see in Kuwait. It said that as long as the industrial strategy is absent, the determination of which industries we want in this country will remain impossible to figure it out. It added that the present structure of local industry cannot thus be explained on the basis of a fixed standard. It does not answer the question whether the present pattern of local industry came to existence to meet the local demands or it exceeds local demands for other purposes.

The study said that the absence of the delay in taking the decision about the strategy of local industry, is closely related to the imbalance in the local population. It stressed that the industrial sector is the least sector in the country that employs national manpower.

According to the 1985 general census results, the Kuwaiti manpower represents only 8 per cent

of the total workforce employed by the productive industry and forms only 3 per cent of the whole manpower in the industrial sector as a whole.

According to another industry source, Kuwaiti manpower gets only 3 per cent of the wages paid to industrial manpower, if oil products industry is excluded.

A study carried out by the Industrial Bank of Kuwait showed that Kuwaitis form only 1.8 per cent of the employees of industrial installations financed by the bank. Arab manpower forms 48.5 per cent while non-Arabs form 49.7 per cent. It said that population imbalance is a national security issue and thus should be on top of the priorities of the decision makers.

The study added that another dilemma comes up for the local industry, which is how to solve the problem of industrialisation and that of population imbalance. It questioned that do we want an industry for the aim of diversification or to serve an important goal like solving the population imbalance.

Another major problem facing industry in Kuwait is the presence of several supervising bodies on the industrial sector. This is a highly important organisational matter, the study said. The industrial investors, because of this, are forced to deal with many factors whether in the stage of preparation or implementation of the industrial project. The various laws and decrees regulating industry in the country, coupled the problems facing the industrial sector. There are as many as 65 laws and decrees regulating the industrial sectors in Kuwait.

A recent study prepared by a Kuwaiti bank revealed that a large number of ministries, establishments and departments, having relations with the industrial sector, overlap in their duties. Some of these are the Ministries of Commerce and Industry, Planning, Electricity and Water, Fire Department, Municipality, Customs Depart-

Gross Domestic Product by kind of economic activity at current prices 1986-1988 (KD million)			
Kind of Economic Activity	1986	1987	1988
Agriculture and fishing	41.81	42.86	43.22
Agriculture and livestock	38.26	45.53	54.64
Fishing	3.55	4.43	5.58
Mining and quarrying	1,579.20	2,232.27	2,001.57
Crude petroleum & natural gas	1,579.10	2,232.18	2,001.58
Quarrying and other mining	0.10	0.09	0.09
Manufacturing	585.27	603.51	737.13
Food beverages and tobacco	41.73	42.80	43.66
Textiles, wearing apparel, and leather	26.97	25.91	26.95
Chemical and allied products	11.03	12.27	12.76
Wood and wood products	18.70	20.90	23.83
Paper, printing and publishing	385.88	585.00	508.82
Petroleum refineries	31.54	36.51	37.35
Chemicals (excluding refineries)	33.32	32.46	33.76
Non-metallic minerals	3.80	4.32	4.97
Basic metals	41.49	40.85	42.49
Fabricated metal products	1.01	2.49	2.54
Other manufactures	-0.76	-0.79	-0.31
Electricity, gas and water	-70.85	-70.85	-70.85
Electricity and gas	1.09	8.87	8.02
Water production and distribution	181.30	147.23	153.12
Construction	572.55	598.31	523.57
Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants	521.73	478.15	499.59
Hotels and restaurants	50.82	52.16	54.98
Transport, storage and communications	261.71	257.86	263.57
Transport and storage	197.87	188.91	187.60
Communications	63.84	68.95	75.97
Finance, real estate & business services	614.77	687.11	712.79
Financial institutions	111.98	146.89	148.74
Insurance	14.15	14.01	13.87
Real estate	456.91	490.89	510.39
Business services	31.73	35.22	39.79
Community, social & personal services	1,182.48	1,218.22	1,198.94
Public administration and defence	489.98	517.00	503.49
Sanitary and related services	33.88	33.86	33.87
Education	332.25	334.44	333.22
Health	161.00	164.20	161.84
Social security and welfare services	32.78	33.29	32.04
Recreational and cultural services	48.93	53.35	51.07
Personal and household services	85.67	83.08	83.41
Sub-total	5,059.34	5,897.68	5,808.72
Import duties	59.54	57.28	58.06
Imputed bank service charges	-92.82	-98.25	-95.38
Gross Domestic Product at purchasers' values	5,026.06	5,856.71	5,771.40
(a) Revised			
(b) Provisional			

ment, KISR and many others.

The industrial investors are forced to deal with many of these departments while obtaining the industrial licence, execution and throughout the lifetime of the industrial project. As a solution to this problem, proposals were made to establish one authority to be comprehensively responsible for the whole industry in

Kuwait. Discussions achieved good progress in this direction and a number of laws and decrees were drafted to establish the Public Industry Authority as a first choice and a public authority for industrial areas as a second option.

In addition, the study said that local industry is deeply suffering from the low level of man-

agements which reflect itself on the quantity and quality of production. This is mainly attributed to the lack of well qualified and competent administration, high costs top management, appointment in administrative posts is subjected to considerations other than qualifications and competence and also the absence of specialised finan-

cial managements that can scientifically calculate the production cost.

The study added that the small size of the local market and the low level of protection is another major obstacle. It said that the level of protection available in Kuwait for industry ranges between 5 per cent to 25 per cent. The pretext given is not granting the protection to local industry even in the beginning is to protect the consumers and the fear being that this protection could become permanent for lack of competence in local industry. The low capability of competence in the local industry is attributed to the low level of protection granted, which results in reducing the share of local industries in the local market. This results in not utilising the full production capacity of the local factories, which also leads to increasing the production cost, ultimately reducing the chances of local industries to compete in the local market.

The study added that the Kuwaiti industry also lacks the necessary information base that helps it to be acquainted with the latest technology advancement in the world. It added that the local industry also does not spend much on research to develop its methods of production. The study also stressed that the Kuwaiti industry is suffering from the lack of awareness of the local consumers of its level and standard, thus resulting in putting it at the bottom of the consumers options. It said that the local industry also suffers from the high cost of construction and equipments.

Studies revealed that the cost of construction and equipments of industrial projects in Kuwait far exceeds similar projects in other countries. Although this is a general phenomenon in the Third World countries, but in Kuwait the difference is very high as costs of industrial projects here exceed by 20-50 per cent of similar projects in the US and Europe.

KD mostly firm

Gulf Bank weekly market review

BASED on last week's opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was lower against the dollar ending the week at 298.75 fils compared with its week before last closing of 298.18 fils. The KD was higher against the pound sterling, ending the week at 466.80 fils compared with its week before last closing of 470.95 fils. The KD was higher against the DM ending the week at 152.07 fils compared with its week before last closing of 153.57 fils. The KD was higher against the SFR ending the week at 176.27 fils compared with its week before last closing of 178.50 fils.

The KD was easier against the Jordanian dinar ending the week at 415.51 fils compared with its week before last closing of 402.94 fils. The KD was slightly easier against all other GCC currencies compared to the week before last rates. As to the KD money market, short term interbank rates traded almost on average unchanged over the week. One-month interbank rates traded over the week within 8.50 per cent-8.66 per cent range compared with 8.37 per cent-6.75 per cent range the week before last. While 3-month interbank rates traded within 8.62 per cent-8.81 per cent range compared with the week before last. Rates for longer periods traded also within a relatively similarly narrow range of 8.62 per cent-8.81 per cent and 8.75 per cent-8.87 per cent for 6 and 12 months respectively.

World stock markets

Wall Street stock prices eased sharply earlier in the week on heavy futures-related programme selling, but rallied later on a rise in bond prices on a well-received 5 year note auction, a heavy dose of stock index arbitrage and a burst of speculative activity, revolving around take-overs. The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 2647 and closed higher at 2732, recording a gain of 39 points over the previous week's closing of 2693.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange moved higher last week and showed a remarkable resilience to bad news following a worse than expected UK trade figures. The London market's continued optimism appears to reflect the view that domestic interest rates will not move any higher.

US dollar

The dollar over most part of the week traded aimlessly, due to lack of new fresh data. Furthermore, many investors were sidelined in taking the dollar positions as they were waiting for next week's release of US Gross National Products figures.

The US Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee (FOMC) who met previously this week is expected to have discussed the state of the US economy. The decision made by the FOMC at its closed meeting will not be made public until October 6. Economists expect the FOMC policy-makers to have decided to hold interest rates steady for the time being, since the Fed had eased its grip slightly on credit earlier this summer in the face of economic weakness, bringing the Federal funds rate down by about three-quarters of a percentage point.

Japanese yen

The yen opened the week against the dollar at 143.05/15 yen and closed the week lower at 143.85/95 yen compared to its week before last closing at 142.55/65 yen. Over the week Bank of Japan in its effort to stop any further yen fall sold dollars against the yen at several levels, such a move was seen as capping downside trend movement of the yen.

Pound sterling

The pound opened the week against the dollar at 1.5720/30 dollars and closed lower at 1.5670/80, but slightly higher compared to its week before last closing of 1.5655/60.

The main feature of last week was the pound's fall on news Britain's July current account deficit was £2.06 billion, the second worst month, after a deficit of £1.5 billion in June. The UK trade deficit for July was £2.46 billion, also the second biggest on record.

French franc

The French franc opened the week against the dollar at 6.5990/20 FFR and closed lower at 6.6015/45 FFR, compared to its week before last closing of 6.5950/80 FFR.

Swiss franc

The Swiss franc opened the week against the dollar at 1.6860/70 SFR and closed lower at 1.6905/15 SFR compared to its week before last closing of 1.6870/80 SFR.

Precious metals

Precious metals prices eased sharply later last week as gold prices slipped in Europe on selling ahead of the expiry of over-the-counter options this week. However, the underlying cause of the slump is attributed also to poor demand. With the threat of a steep rise in inflation fading in industrial countries, and talk of a soft landing in the US economy rather than a recession, there is little incentive to hold tangible assets like gold, rather than money. Gold bullion prices opened the week at 366.25/366.75 \$/oz, and closed sharply lower recording a loss of 6 \$/oz over the previous week's closing of 366/366.50.

Silver bullion prices opened the week at 5.22/5.24 \$/oz and closed sharply lower at 5.10/5.12 \$/oz, recording a loss of 15 cents over the previous week's closing of 5.10/5.12 \$/oz.

Platinum prices opened the week against the dollar at 480.50/481.50 \$/oz, and closed lower at 472.473 \$/oz, recording a share loss of 11 \$/oz over the previous week's closing of 483/484 \$/oz.

Talks resume on JPC project

NICOSIA, Aug 27, (Reuters): Talks resumed in Tehran today on the fate of the war-damaged Iran-Japan Petrochemical Co. (JPC) project, which the Japanese want to quit, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

It quoted the Daily Kayhan as saying the head of the Japanese partners, a consortium led by Mitsui and Co Ltd, would stay in Tehran for four days for talks on the plant at Iran's Gulf port of Bandar Khomeini. The 50/50 joint venture in which the two sides have so far invested 600 billion yen (\$4.3 billion) was bombed several times by Iraqi jets during the Gulf war. It was 85 per cent complete when the eight-year war broke out in September 1980.

Mitsui, which wants to quit the project, denied on Tuesday a Tehran press report that it had offered to pay \$1.25 billion to Iran as compensation.

A spokesman said the settlement terms were under discussion and Iran also had to repay Japanese financiers.

Last Monday the Tehran Times quoted Iran's ambassador to Tokyo, Mohammad Hossein Adeli, as saying Tehran had rejected, as too small a \$1.25 billion settlement offer by Mitsui.

Work stopped in 1984, when the plant was 85 per cent completed. Mitsui declared last year it would pull out and began negotiating terms with its partners in the Iran-Japan Petrochemical Co.

Indian rupee.....18.120
Sri Lankan rupee.....8.260
Pakistani rupee.....14.350
Bangladesh taka.....9.210
US dollar.....298.75
Pound sterling.....471.50
Deutsche mark.....153.30
UAE dirham.....081.70
Japanese yen.....002.06

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Oil, gas production to start in 3 years

Kerala-Konkan offshore base

COCHIN, Aug 27: Commercial exploitation of oil and natural gas from the Kerala-Konkan offshore base off Cochin coast is expected to begin in three years, reports an economic daily.

The Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, S. Krishnakumar and the secretary, Union Petroleum Ministry, H.K. Khan, in a joint press conference here last week said there were firm indications of finding about 150 million tonnes of commercially exploitable oil reserves valued at Rs 20,000 million in the region.

The latest well drilled by the ONGC which had been working in the area since 1975 yielded sufficient hydrocarbon contents

indicating the chances of a big oil reserve on the lines of Bombay High in the region located about 75 km west off Cochin coast. Khan said drilling of five specific wells in the region would start early next year.

Khan said a three-year time frame has been fixed for intensifying oil exploration in the region. A special task force have been constituted which would work under a special officer of the ONGC with its base at Cochin. Later, a regional office of the ONGC would also be set up in Cochin.

Khan said ONGC's offshore geophysical survey vessel 'M.V. Arvashac' had already arrived in the region for conducting

advanced seismic surveys for locating specific spots of oil concentration in the Kerala-Konkan base, consisting of the oil-rich Cochin High and its periphery.

Of the five wells already planned, ONGC would be drilling three, while two foreign firms BHP (Australia) and Shell International (Holland) would be drilling one each.

Khan said it was calculated that there would be at least 1600 million tonnes of oil and natural gas in the region, of which 150 million tonnes of oil could easily be exploited commercially for up to 15 to 20 years at the rate of five million to 10 million tonnes a year.

US wants Japan to rethink its business practices

American fury flies

TOKYO, Aug 27, (UPI): American anger toward Japan is on the rise, but Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu will be in no position to offer peace-making concessions when he meets with President Bush on Friday.

Bush has taken a hard line on trade, and Japan has taken a heating in US public opinion polls due to growing resentment of Tokyo's unbridled economic advance.

Americans now see Japan's economic power as a greater threat to their future than the Soviets' military challenge, according to several surveys.

Despite a need for strong and stable Japanese leadership, Kaifu will travel to the White House as one of the nation's weakest prime ministers in years. Kaifu leaves Wednesday for a five-day trip to San Francisco, Washington and Boston followed by visits to Mexico and Canada.

Barely two weeks in office, Kaifu is battling for his political life at home and will be hamstrung from making any meaningful promises to assuage the growing anti-Japanese sentiment. It is not at all certain whether Kaifu — the third premier in as many months — can hold onto the leadership for the rest of the year.



Toshiki Kaifu

The last two prime ministers left in the midst of scandals that have put Kaifu's party in jeopardy of losing the next general election. A defeat could force the ruling Liberal Democrats into a coalition with other parties.

Kaifu's new government was hit by its first scandal last week when his chief spokesman, a key cabinet minister, was forced to resign after admitting he had an extra-marital affair with a 21-year-old bar hostess.

Unfortunately for the Americans, Tokyo's political turmoil coincides with a new way of thinking in Washington that is changing the basis for trade talks.

The United States wants

Japan to rethink its business practices to remove the entrenched barriers that prevent the free flow of American products into Japan. Bush's call for structural changes in Japan reflects the frustration of Americans who have watched the trade deficit with Japan — the difference between exports and imports rise to over \$50 billion a year.

A seemingly endless string of negotiations over the past decade on opening specific Japanese markets have failed to bring down the deficit.

The Bush administration has taken to heart the thesis of many American scholars arguing that Japan's economic system simply does not respond to the free market principles that guide Western nations.

"We have agreed that for any two countries as interdependent as ours, the functioning of each other's economy is a legitimate object of inquiry," said US Ambassador to Japan Michael Armacost.

On the table in the Bush-Kaifu meeting and more detailed talks to open in Tokyo in September will be Japan's tight knit network of business that buy, sell, loan and borrow to and from each other at the exclusion of American companies.

KIA endorses strategy to regulate investments

THE managing director of the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) Dr. Fahd Al Rashid has said that KIA adopted measures to avoid dual membership by its representatives in the various companies, boards of directors, within the framework of its effort to develop the programme of evaluation and follow-up what was commissioned three years ago.

He told a local newspaper that the programme had been a success and yielded positive results, stressing that selection of representatives to companies' board of directors was based on clearly-defined regulations.

He said that KIA's primary obligation, as a government agency in charge of managing companies' investments, and evaluate the progress of these investments and also to find out the future plans of these companies, being important components of the domestic economy.

He pointed out that the evaluation and follow-up programme enabled the regulation of relations between the KIA and its representatives and provided them with more flexibility to run the affairs of companies.

He said that KIA's board of directors endorsed new strategy January 1989, which regulated the investment operations. It also laid down the bases for the selection of KIA representatives to companies' board of directors, and assigned this task to a five-man executive committee emanating from the board of KIA who would make nominations based on pre-set conditions.

The bases regulating the nomination of board members which included dual membership on more than one board, maximum membership duration two years, minimum age 30 years and that all people meeting these conditions would be liable to approval of the minister of finance.

NRI deposits

Interest rates changes

BOMBAY, August 27. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced changes in the interest rates structure for US dollar, Deutsche mark and Japanese yen deposits under the foreign currency (non-resident) account scheme keeping in view the present levels of interest rates in the overseas markets.

In the case of US dollar deposits, the interest rates have been increased by 0.25 per cent for maturity periods ranging from six months and above, but less than 3 years, while for maturity of 3 years the interest rate has been increased by 0.50 per cent.

For Deutsche mark deposits, the interest rates for maturity periods of 6 months and above but less than one year and two years and above, but less than 3 years, have been increased by 0.25 per cent.

For Japanese yen deposits the interest rate for the maturity periods of 6 months and above but less than one year has been increased by 0.25 per cent.

There is no change in the interest rates for pound sterling deposits.

The new schedule of interest rates for various currencies for transactions entered into with authorised dealers effective from August 24, 1989 will be as under:

Period	Interest rates per annum		
	£	US\$	DM Yen
6 months and above but less than 1 yr.	11.50	9.50	7.75 6.00
1 year and above but less than 2 years	11.75	9.50	7.75 6.00
2 years and above but less than 3 years	12.00	9.75	8.00 6.25
3 years only	12.00	10.00	8.00 6.25

KD deposit rates steady

KUWAIT, Aug 27, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were steady today in a balanced market, with nearly no activity reported.

Dealers said there was little sign of the salary payments which normally would be flooding the market this time of month, since many workers were out of the country on holiday.

Overnight was offered at four per cent. Tomorrow, next was indicated at seven six, spot-next at 7-1/2-1/2 and one week at 8-1/2-1/2.

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AIR-INDIA

10,000 join protest against soaring housing prices

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Aug. 27. (AP): More than 10,000 people staged a protest in a downtown shopping and residential area yesterday to demand strict government measures to curb soaring land and house prices because of rampant speculation.

The protesters, claiming they could never afford to buy their own houses, lay down in the middle of streets briefly as police blocked traffic throughout the area.

Lee Hsin-Chang, who heads the Houseless People's Union that organized the demonstration, told the crowd, "a house is not a commercial product to be speculated. It is our basic right to own a house."

"Let us rescue Taipei from being occupied by the housing speculators," said Lee.

Organisers said rentals and housing prices in Taipei soared mainly because of rampant speculation by companies who buy massive land or housing tracts.

They cited a government report that says a Taipei apart-

ment was sold for an average of 12 million Taiwan dollars (\$460,000) last year, and it would take 19 years of an average family's entire income to buy one.

As housing costs have increased more than 200 per cent since 1987, they said, monthly rental for a two-bedroom apartment in Taipei amounted to up to \$1,100 this year.

The protesters demanded that the government set rental ceilings and restrict insurance and investment firms from buying houses.

They also wanted more public housing built and low-interest loans provided to first-time housing buyers.

Interior Minister Hsu Shui-Teh told the Houseless People's Association on Friday the government would consider building more public housing in suburban areas and setting rental ceilings.

Organisers said they would stage more protests if the government failed to propose and carry out concrete plans soon. The demonstrators dispersed after three hours.



Taiwan people blanket Taipei's exclusive Ding Hao shopping district in last night's sleep-out demonstration against skyrocketing house prices. (Reuters wirephoto)

Debt bomb could explode

Africa warns creditors

CAIRO, Aug. 27. (Reuters): African officials, worried that the continent's debt crisis is primed to explode, met in Cairo on Monday to try to wring more debt relief from creditors.

The seminar arranged by the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) is part of a four-year campaign for an international conference to solve Africa's \$240-billion foreign debt crisis.

"By the year 2002 the total debt of Africa may explode to a value of 1,500 billion," warned a briefing document prepared for delegates.

"If the borrowing terms continued (unchanged) in the medium and long run, servicing this fast increasing debt could be unsustainable," it said.

Creditors generally have shied away from any international conference, saying adequate channels of contact already exist.

Many prefer a case-by-case approach, wary that a conference would set a dangerous precedent for collective bargaining which Latin American debtors, with their greater economic muscle, might exploit.

The OAU, acknowledging that the proposed conference has not received international acceptance, said today some of the measures it wanted to discuss had not been understood.

Seeking to allay any fears among creditors that such talks could lead to major confrontation, it said they would be a platform for constructive dialogue.

Officials from creditor nations, multilateral bodies such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank and private banks have been invited to the Cairo seminar.

A seminar document prepared by the OAU and the UN Economic Commission for Africa described as "noteworthy", but of limited help, a series of creditor initiatives in recent years to ease Africa's debt burden.

These included steps to reschedule debts over longer periods, to write off some debts and to cut interest rates.

But the problem of reducing the stock of debt, or increasing concessions on repayments, had not been given enough attention, the document said.

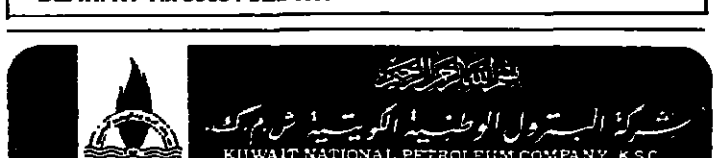
It said foreign debt was the main obstacle to growth in Africa's economies, which have been hit by falls in prices for the continent's main exports of minerals and farm products and by civil strife and drought.

The document said a slowdown in foreign aid and a jump in debt dues, which in some countries exceeded export earnings, had turned the world's poorest continent into a net exporter of resources.

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US may increase its economic estimates

Growth boosted

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27. (Reuters): The US government, buoyed by figures showing the economy doing much better than expected, is likely to increase its estimate of annual economic growth.

The Commerce Department is expected on Tuesday to issue a new estimate of the gross national product (GNP) based on the second quarter that is expected to show a 2.5 per cent rise in the annual rate, adjusted for inflation, instead of the 1.7 per cent projected by the department on July 27.

It will make one more revision in its second quarter figures for GNP, the broadest economic gauge which measures total output of goods and services, in September. The revisions in GNP estimates are the result of more data becoming available.

GNP grew by 3.7 per cent in the first three months of 1989.

The huge US trade deficit has hindered growth but June's trade gap of \$8.17 billion, helped by rising exports, was the lowest in more than four years.

The revised estimate looked set to confound some analysts who predicted that the US economy was at a standstill.

"The economy was not grinding to a halt. Instead it was on a mid-course correction and is ready to rebound in the third quarter," said Donald Ratajczak, director of economic forecasting at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

Inflation could also be slightly lower. "Better growth and a little lower inflation would be a nice result of the revisions," said

Allen Sinai, chief economist for the Boston Company.

The US economy's expansion, now in its seventh year, is the second-longest ever but the pace is slow compared to earlier periods of growth and economists disagree over the outlook.

Wall Street stocks surged to new highs last week, partly fuelled by the view that the economy had gained momentum. But analysts said the market could be hit by worries over interest rates and inflation.

Lyle Gramley, chief economist for the Mortgage Bankers Association, said the economy was undergoing a slowdown that would reduce growth to one or 1.5 per cent in the current third quarter but predicted the economy would bounce back in the fourth quarter.

Kathryn Kobe, vice-president of the forecasting firm Joel Popkin and Company, said the impact of the Federal Reserve's tight grip on credit earlier this year would mean weakness for the rest of the year.

"Maybe they hit it right, but we are pessimistic that maybe it was overdue," she said.

US import and export prices both fell in July for the second straight month, the government reported yesterday.

Last month, import prices fell 0.8 per cent, following a revised 1.2 per cent drop in June, according to the Department of Labour's Bureau of Labour Statistics.

Export prices, were down 0.4 per cent in July, after losing 0.3 per cent in June.

The BLS said the decrease in

the US import price index was widespread as, for the second consecutive month, all the major components fell.

Although falling prices for imported oil, down 1.9 per cent, led the decline, the index for non-petroleum imports, down 0.5 per cent, fell for the fourth time in the past six months.

The bureau noted that the decrease in prices for non-oil imports was due, in part, to the appreciation of the dollar on international markets.

The import price index stood at 119 in July, with a base of 100 for 1985, a figure well below world and US inflation.

Since the United States and the other major industrial powers pressured the dollar down on world markets in 1986, exporters to United States have tried to cut into their profit margins in order to keep their share of the market.

Among the components of the import index, food, feeds and beverages stood in July at 110.7 down 0.9 per cent, industrial supplies and materials at 103, down 1.2 per cent, capital goods at 130.3, down 0.5 per cent, motor vehicles at 127.4, down 0.7 per cent, and consumer goods at 128.9, down 0.3 per cent.

The decline in the export price index followed a 0.3 per cent decrease in the previous month and was primarily due to a drop in the index for industrial supplies and materials, down for the third consecutive month, as well as a sharp fall in prices for exported fish, the BLS said.

The export price index stood at 112.7 in July, with a base of 100 for 1985.

Debt endangers stability

Joint strategy needed

BRASILIA, Brazil, Aug. 27. (AP): Argentine President Carlos Menem said yesterday that Latin America's \$400-billion foreign debt puts the region's political stability in serious danger, and he urged Latin countries to unite to "acquire a new voice in the world."

Menem, speaking before the Brazilian Congress, said Latin nations are suffering the worst economic crisis in their histories, which "not only hurts our development but puts in serious danger the stability of our young democracies."

"There aren't many options. Either we work out a joint strategy in line with our development needs, or we will be the objects of outside strategies," Menem said.

The President, completing the second day of a three-day visit, called himself a "citizen of democracy." He got a standing ovation.

Brazil and Argentina, both with civilian administrations that replaced military dictatorships and battling runaway four-digit inflation, have the world's first and third-largest foreign debts, respectively.

"Democratic Argentina realizes the necessity of continuing the process of integration with its neighbours and strengthening Latin America unity," Menem said.

He said it was time to decide if "we aspire to a

reasonable voice in international affairs, integrating our resources and capacities, or if we prefer to continue living inside the old provincial molds."

Menem said Latin America needs to "acquire a new voice in the world" with "a presence and personalities respected by the industrialised countries."

The visiting leader added that the path of regional integration, following a model started by Brazil and Argentina in 1985, could lead to a more efficient and equitable role for Latin America in the world economy.

Since lowering certain customs duties and eliminating some trade restrictions, Brazil and Argentina, South America's two largest nations, have doubled their mutual imports and exports, to \$1.7 billion.

The two countries have encouraged their small joint neighbour Uruguay to join them in a common market.

Overall, however, common market schemes in Latin America haven't worked out, due to excessive protectionism.

Menem demanded greater international cooperation to "avoid the serious impact our countries suffer as a consequence of discriminatory policies and measures adopted by an unjust international economic and financial order."

Poverty sends thousands of children to work in Portugal

ERMIDA, Portugal, Aug. 27. (Reuters):

Sandra does not fit everyone's image of a barmaid — she is 11 years old, tiny and can barely reach the counter behind which she serves 12 hours a day.

She must stand on tip-toe at the Cafe Ferrandura (horseshoe) to serve the residents of this hamlet high in the misty Geres mountain area of northern Portugal.

Despite an official ban on child labour, Sandra works from 10 in the morning to 10 at night helping her mother, who is employed in the bar, by earning extra money for the family.

"It's not a bad job," Sandra shrugs, in a blase adult way, chiding a drunk for not paying up. "But I'd rather be riding my bicycle and playing with my friends."

The little girl is among the army of

children who earn their keep in Western Europe's poorest country, toiling in factories, on construction sites and in restaurants.

No one knows exactly how many children are employed in the underbelly of the economy.

The National Statistics Institute estimates there were more than 43,000 children aged 10 to 14 at work in the fourth quarter of 1988 — in a total national population of 10 million.

But most experts believe the number is much higher, as the underground nature of the young labour makes it hard to track.

Sandra has a better deal than some other young labourers. She works only during the summer holiday weeks and does not miss school. When business is

slow she can watch television and chat with her friends.

But she is deprived of care-free time to do what children do best — play.

"Children grow up quickly here. It's sad, but there are many poor people who need the cash," said policeman Antonio Afonso.

He appears to turn a blind eye to the nearby SPA town Caldas de Geres, where young boys in bow ties work as receptionists in the hotels in defiance of Portugal's ban on child labour under age 14.

Officials say they are powerless when parents push their children to work and employers are keen to pay below the 31,500 escudo (\$193) industrial monthly minimum wage.

The problem is particularly severe in the country's industrial heartland around the nearby city of Braga, where scores of small textile and shoe factories lining the roads hire clandestinely.

Many poor parents place little emphasis on education and encourage their children to leave school early to pitch in much-needed cash for food, clothing and shelter.

Education is compulsory until the age of 14, but independent experts say more than 40 per cent of Portuguese children fail to complete their education, creating a huge reservoir of cheap labour for factories struggling to compete against Asian firms.

Wages, already among the lowest in Western Europe, can drop to a mere

2,000 to 15,000 escudos (\$12.30 to 92) a month if the employee is a minor.

"National shame," read the headline of a recent national magazine article about child labour.

Officials at the Labour Ministry issued a document earlier this month calling for a crack down.

They want to tighten laws already in effect, especially sanctions against employers who persist in hiring minors.

But the report admitted, "It is increasingly difficult to police, because of child labour's clandestine nature."

Officials concluded they had to attack the base of the problem — social inequities and poverty — a daunting task not easy to achieve overnight.

In the meantime, few want to take responsibility when things go wrong.

Bid to beat strike

Australia might charter aircraft

SYDNEY, Aug. 27. (Reuters): Australian domestic air services halted by a pilots' pay row are considering bringing in chartered aircraft and crews to break the deadlock, Transport Minister Ralph Willis said today.

Willis said state-owned Australian Airlines and its private-sector counterparts Ansett and East-West as well as the government — which would have to sanction the decision — were now urgently studying the possibility.

Chartered planes and crews would augment the 3,000-5,000 seats now being offered each day to domestic passengers by international airlines and the skeleton service being operated by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).

"We're ... considering the introduction of charter flights, that is fully chartered with crew as well as aeroplane, from overseas. That's being urgently considered right now," Willis said during a television interview on Sydney's Channel Ten.

"The domestic airlines are thinking of that policy initiative and we're certainly considering that from our side."

Willis said there were some

technical difficulties to be overcome, but he believed the problems could be solved in time for an early decision.

However, he said charter flights could not replace the 40,000 seats a day lost by the shutdown of the three airlines and the mass resignation of all 1,600 of their pilots.

The pilots quit on Thursday after the airlines, supported by the Labour government, refused to talk about their 30 per cent wage demand and started dismissing and taking legal action against individual fliers.

The dispute has been running for about two weeks as the pilots tried to overcome the government's determination to keep wage growth this year at about six per cent, just below the current inflation rate in Australia.

Meanwhile, the world-wide Ansett, Australian and East-West recruitment campaign for new pilots which started yesterday is being countered by advertisements placed in international aviation magazines by the Australian Federation of Airline Pilots (AFAP).

The AFAP advertisements

warn potential applicants that they will be considered strike breakers and that any settlement of the dispute will include "the immediate cancellation of any contracts with strike-breaking pilots."

AFAP president Brian McCarthy, a Boeing 727 captain with Australian Airlines, said today the advertisement was simply to warn other flight crews of the situation in Australia.

"Combined with the world shortage of airline pilots and overseas pilots' salaries substantially higher than Australian equivalents, the possibility of overseas recruitment is remote," McCarthy said in a statement.

Another AFAP source noted that any would-be new pilot would require a current Australian licence, and that all the examiners were either existing flight crew who had resigned, or AFAP members in government service.

McCarthy repeated earlier statements that the AFAP was quite prepared to re-enter negotiations, without preconditions, at any time. The airlines have said the pilots must agree to the government's six per cent ceiling before they will talk.

KUWAIT						
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-NATIONAL BANK	1.020	1.020	1.020	1.020	385000	19
-GULF BANK	0.365	0.365	0.365	0.360	30000	3
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.275	0.270	0.270	0.270	630000	13
-AHLI BANK	0.300					
-B.K.N.E.B.	0.335					
-K.R.E.B.	0.335					
-BURGAN BANK	0.265	0.260	0.260	0.260	50000	2
-K.F.HOUSE	0.475	0.475	0.475	0.470	30000	3
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KWT INV. CO.	0.075					
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-K.I.I.C.	0.064					
-COM.FACILITIES	0.425					
-ARILIAN INV.	0.000					
-I.F.A.	0.095					
-NATIONAL INV.	0.064					
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-GULF INSURANCE	0.320					
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-K.W.M.T.CO.	0.000					
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-K.PH.IND.CO.	0.158					
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-A.G.INV.GROP.	0.029					
-FIRST.GULF BK	0.850					
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-GULF MEDICAL	0.034					
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-GULF INTL INS	0.000					
-ARAB INTL CO.	0.000					
-SHARJAH INS	0.000					
-GULF UNION INS	0.000					
-R.K.WHITE CNHT	0.000					
-AJMAN CEMENT	0.000					
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
-B-FUJAIRAH CENT	0.000					
-C-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010					
-D-GULF CEMENT	0.070					

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ARAB INSURANCE	1.10 1.13
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ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.31 2.30
ARAB PAPER COM/TRD	0.44 0.43
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ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65 1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	14.50 14.56
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA	1.09 1.04
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00 1.00
CAIRO/AMMAN BANK	29.00 29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05 1.25
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J-TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.80 0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.62 1.68
JO TABACCO/CIGARET	18.75 18.75
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.45 2.57
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05 25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.47 1.47
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20 1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.10 1.10
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.18 2.18
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JOR PAPER CARD/BDG	5.36 5.35
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JOR SELPHO CHEM.	1.97 1.96
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.92 2.80
JOR WORSTED MLL.	4.85 4.89
JOR KUWAIT AGR	0.85 0.89
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VIDEO CORNER

Mad Max team takes to the high seas

By Sharon Seekins

DEAD CALM is a film from the same team that produced the Mad Max road warrior series, only this time they leave the chase behind and move into the world of suspense. Sam Neill and Nicole Kidman play John and Rae Ingram, a melancholy Australian couple who take to the high seas in order to try to forget the sudden and tragic death of their son.

Alone and thousands of miles from land on their small boat, they encounter a sinking, derelict schooner, the Orpheus and its lone survivor, a frightened, exhausted young American named Hughie Warriner (Billy Zane).

Hughie claims that his crew died of some terrible shipboard disease, but John finds that Hughie's story doesn't have the ring of truth about it.

Just as John discovers the grisly truth behind Hughie's antics aboard the Orpheus, Hughie escapes from his cabin and makes off with John's boat and with stranding John alone on the crippled, sinking schooner. Can he, Rae over come the brawny mariner Hughie in time to turn the boat around and rescue her husband?

Writer-producer Terry Hayes, who co-authored the "Max" saga with series producer George Miller, brings a characteristically humorous and propulsive mixture of twists and turns to the adventure, alternating between Rae's battle of wits and muscle with Hughie, and John's desperate battle to keep what's left of Hughie's doomed schooner afloat.

Both *For Queen and Country* and *Jackie* are "After the war is over what then?" films. *Jackie* is American and stars Robert de Niro and Ed Harris as two Vietnam vets trying to come to terms with the emptiness in their lives. David (Harris) isn't dealing with life too well; he's a bit of a nutcase — and yet pitiable — David's alcohol consumption is out of control, and so is his life. His dependency extends to his sister Martha (Kathy Baker), a rather spinsterly biology teacher whose own life has been subtly taken over by her brother's needs. When Megs Jackie (De Niro) enters their lives, he upsets their precariously balanced existence with humour and a lively vulgarity.

An army buddy of David's, Megs has dealt with the after-



Nicole Kidman and Billy Zane in 'Dead Calm'.

math of war, which still threatens David enormously. Even more threatening however is the blossoming somewhat improbable romance between Megs and Martha.

If you want to see some great acting don't miss this one. De Niro especially is in a class on his own, his character really comes alive and you 'feel' with Megs as he comes to realise where his future lies.

For Queen and Country tells the story of an ex-paratrooper who quits the British army after distinguished service in Northern Ireland and the Falklands and returns to his London estate home to find only dole and depression.

This urban thriller will come as quite a culture shock to British audiences used to their screen policemen as a cross between Dixon of Dock Green and The Sweeney, here the police are generally portrayed as argumentative, pistol-happy racists.

The ex-para Rueben James (Denzel Washington) finds his friend Fish (Donnie Healy), who lost a leg on active service, is broke and bitter, while another one time friend Colin has become a drug dealer. Harassed by the police and unable to find work Reuben takes on the job of minder for Colin, which proves fatally compromising when he is forced to take sides after his estate erupts into violence when the local community policeman is



Denzel Washington kicks out in 'For Queen and Country'.

murdered. Good performances all round although the film does paint a depressing (or realistic?) view of life in London's suburbs. Someone is always picking on Stallone. In *Lock Up* he finds himself in the clink

with a whole crew of meanies — from the vengeful warden (Donald Sutherland) and some sadistic guards to Chink (Sonny Landham) and a few British inmates. Love — of course — is what keeps him going; Melissa (Darlae

Fluegel) inspires him to use all that brawn and also some brains against his oppressors. The new James Belushi action-comedy *K9* and *Winter People* with Kelly McGillis and Kurt Russell are also newly available.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 9.30 Ifah Ya Simsim: children cultural programme
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Asr Al Hob: daily Arabic serial (Part 9)
- 11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 11.15 Ablah Monera: daily local serial (Part 4)
- 12.05 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 12.15 Summer Clubs: local programme
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 1.30 Sport Billy: cartoon serial
- 2.15 Al Hejra Illa Al Watan: Arabic serial (Part 7)
- 3.15 Innasho Al Haq: religious programme, prepared and presented by Abdul Hameed Al Zaidani
- 3.35 Al Taneen Al Sagheer: cartoon serial
- 4.00 Cartoons
- 4.30 Meerath Al Seneen: historical serial
- 5.30 Children and summer: local programme
- 6.00 Variety
- 6.30 Night chemists, Airlines and official announcements
- 7.00 The World of Tomorrow: cultural programme
- 7.45 Holy Quran and Science: religious programme
- 8.30 Variety: cultural film
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.45 Omsiyat Al Ethneem: local programme
- 10.15 Ana We Inta Wa Baba Fi Al Mishmish: Arabic serial (Part 6)



A scene from Jack and Mike on KTV2 at 10.30 pm today.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Bionic Six: Cartoon serial
- 6.30 The Scheme of Things: Technology invades all aspects of sports and entertainment activities. How birds sing. The language of bees.
- 7.00 Roving Report: A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news, events and activities
- 7.30 Charles in Charge: 'Weekend Weary.' The family holds an auction for selling certain articles when Cha-

ries' friend interferes in an unusual manner. 8.00 News in English 8.30 Paradise: 'A Matter Of Honour.' Ganin's gang attacks the farmers, looting their farms and killing their cattle. Uncle Ethan tries to stop the gang.

9.30 227: 'A Class Act.' Unimpressed with Brenda's wisecracking history teacher, Mary has words with the school principal.

10.00 Tales Of The Unexpected: 'Run, Rabbit Run.' An American soldier attempts to write a book about a French woman who killed her husband by mockery and scornful laughter when she suspects him as a double agent.

10.30 Jack and Mike. 'Fire And Ice.' Mike has to co-operate with the police against a gang boss who attempts to become Mike's partner in the restaurant.

11.30 News in Brief 11.45 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Firdous
Toofan
Al Andalus
Red Scorpion
Al Sahmya
Revenge of Nerds II
Al Hamra
Arab film
Drive-in
Arab film
Ahmadi Drive-in
Arab film
Fahsheel Open-air
Aadat Se Majboor
Al Fahsheel
Shaolin Magnificent

Al Jahra
Cocktail
Granada
Young Guns
Al Salsabikhat
Top Line
Al Jeel
Abidisi Dash

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.00 am
Zuhr	11.49
Asr	3.22 pm
Maghreb	6.14
Isha	7.34

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Alamiya Pharmacy
Fahd Al Salem Street, Al Jandool Building
Tala Pharmacy
Al Hilali Street, Opp. to the Ministry of Education

Nagra and Hawali
Al Andalus Pharmacy
Hawali, Tunis Street, Zaid Al Sarhan Building

Sahmya and Rumaithiya
Phoenicia Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak Street, Block No. 1, Al Zahra Complex

Fahsheel and Ahmadi
Al Sheeba Pharmacy
Fahsheel, Late Sheikh Ahmad Al Jaber Inheritors Building

New Kheitan
Al Tasamun Pharmacy
Ebin Sereen Street, Property of Dalal Mthl

Jahra
Al Abraj Pharmacy
Daabul Al Khozai Street, Near the Educational Department

Correction



The child's name in the caption of the picture 'Everyone a winner' on page 1 of Arab Times yesterday appeared wrongly as Marjan Martin. The correct name is Marjan Manita. She won the Little Miss Metro Manita title at the Little Mr and Mrs Philippines-Kuwait contest held on Friday.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Qur'anic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Taweeq Rajab Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Saudi House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

SOCIAL

Farwell party
SEPT 1 (Friday): The Bangladesh Association will organise a farewell function for the Economic Counsellor Abdur Rahim Khan at 7 pm at the Bangladesh embassy premises. Bangladeshis are requested to contact for details with following persons: Moez 4310970, Yusuf 4314943, Maksudur Rahman 4881595, Muzammel Haque 2551312, Ashraful Islam 4836235 and Abdur Rob 4316823.

People's Art Circle
A MEETING was held at Dr Riaz A. Mahesar's private Pakistan People's Club, residence to form a committee to organise musical shows and dances. Asper Rafiq A Mirza, general secretary Pakistan Peoples Club, People's Art Circle is formed and is headed by Yakub Pasha with the following committee members: Salim Shah, Usman Manzoor-ul-Hassan, Samir Sani, Syed Zafar, Mohd Musa Blouch, Qamar Pervez and Agha Saad.

Syndicate Inn
SEPT 15: In a rare spirit of

comradery, two leading Goan organisations in Kuwait, the Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans, will jointly host 'Syndicate Live,' a musical extravaganza, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium, featuring Goan's one and only, The Syndicate, with Kuwait's Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones with a host of local artists. Watch out for booking plans.

Kalpak exhibition
SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone Nos: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

Melody Night '89
AN evening of popular Indian music by local stars from 6.30 pm to 10 pm on Friday 8th Sept '89, at the Sharq Co-op Society Hall. For details contact Tel: 5640389 between 3.00 pm and 10.00 pm or Al Bahar Video, Tel: 5615730.

Filchek chess
SEPT 26: The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filchek) invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first 'Active Chess Tournament.'

Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries is Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Racaza (2421868, 2402405), Chito (2443961) or Jun (2409650).

Breeze '89
OCT 26: Trivium Centre's — Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information please contact the organisers, Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

British Council
THE British Council presents 'Briefing on Britain'

a special video presentation for students who are going to Britain this autumn for higher education. Will this be your first experience of studying in Britain? If so, and if you would like to participate in complementary briefing sessions, please telephone us to find out more details. Contact Kate Harries, Education Adviser, Tel: 2515512/253 3204/253 3227.

Star Nite
DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dir'a' with Perfect Strangers music. Children entry KD.3/- from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Others KD.4/- with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tele. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

Flaskik's contest
FINAL preparations are now under way for the ultimate singing contest in Kuwait held for the Filipino population in this Gulf state.

Flaskik president Grace Fe N. Covarrubias announced that auditions are held at the Far East Restaurant on Fridays, August 18 and 25 and 11 am and 4 pm and on Sundays August 13, 20 and 27 at 5 pm. Participants are encouraged to bring their music tapes.

Last Friday's auditions yielded a bevy of song lovers who will vie for valuable prizes during the contest slated for Friday September 1, at 4 pm, at the Meridian Hotel.

For more particulars, kindly contact the following Flaskik officers: Chary Nepomuceno Tel. 5624509, Rose Formantes: 4843601, Maion Tadana: 4881358, Esther Madamba: 5312700 ext 4221, Marilyn Inductivo: 3940600 ext. 2230 & 4521 and other Flaskik officers or the event vice-chairman Al Castro of Martin Marietta Data Systems.

D'Assisi Association
OCTOBER 6: Ninth annual Thanksgiving mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Assisi ex-students along with their families and friends are invited. For more details contact: 2444379 or 2469811.

Konkani drama
NOVEMBER 2, 3: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's 'Chintam Zallim Sopnam' at the IAC (Funnites). Cast includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa 'Jacinto Vaz' along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. For tickets contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Club (near GPO).

FILM

British Council
CHILDRENS film: The Little Prince-For the Love of Animals on Wednesday, Aug 30 at 6.00 pm and Thursday, Aug 31 at 10.30 pm.

An enchanting animated adaptation of the classical tale by Antoine de Saint Exupery. Join the little prince as he catches a flaming comet for a ride down to his favourite planet earth! (running time 50 mins)

Admission is free, but it is advisable to book seats in advance. Tel: 2515512/2533204/2533227.

HOTELS

At the Pullman Hotel
AL Shallal coffee shop: Offers daily businessman's lunch 'autour d'un plat' at a reasonable price. Serves Arabic and international dishes. Live music nightly from 7:30 pm.

Les Elysees Restaurant: Experience the ambience of French seating and meticulous service while savouring authentic French food offered on our 'menu degustation,' a four course meal served with a touch of nouvelle cuisine. For reservations, call: 5634200

At the SAS hotel
AL GHAEER: SAS hotel's very own handicrafted show. Available for half day or whole day trip along the Gulf coastline. Food, beverages and fishing tackle provided on board. For booking, call 5657000 ext 416.

AL BOOM: Dine on charcoal grilled foods and finish off with della coffee. Open for dinner daily, lunch every Thursday and Friday and for reservation call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

PEACOCK ROOM: Chinese specialties served in a very

cozy atmosphere. Open for lunch and dinner. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 532.

EEDAM: Wide varieties of delectable home-made goodies, freshly baked items to choose from. Eedam daily specials also available.

CLOCK: Only drive-in restaurant in Kuwait. Serves wide selections of fast food including our very own specialties.

At the Kuwait International LA PALMA: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Ext 8166.

Fallaka: Rooftop restaurant overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday. Ext. 8012.

Garden Pool: Relax and enjoy our poolside barbecue event every Friday afternoon. La Patisserie: Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings.

At the Kuwait Plaza hotel
SPECIAL breakfast: Al-Dallah coffee shop features the breakfast you like most. Full buffet of all kind of delicious dishes to be savoured by you. Eat as much as you can and whatever dish you fancy for only fills 0.995 only.

Special lunch and dinner: Also at Al Dallah coffee shop the buffet for lunch and dinner full of varieties of continental, oriental and Arabic food with Piza special touch plus delectable sweets and fruits of the season. All these and more for only KD2.995.

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SPORTS

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Unity Thursday League
TEAMS wishing to play in the Unity Thursday League at Ahmadi are kindly requested to contact Abdulla Mohammed (Tel: 39895456) or Denzil Menzies (Tel: 3989671) after 4.30 pm for more details. Closing date for entries on Sept 10.

IAC badminton

SEPT 7: Indian Arts Circle (IAC) will organise a badminton tournament open to all Indians in Kuwait. All those wishing to participate are requested to contact the organising committee for further information and entry forms: Contact IAC office Tel. 3904817 (6.30 to 10.30 pm); P.K. Koshy, Tel: 3985278 or 3913076; Vijay Sharma, Tel. 2401534 or 2644863; Philip Cherian, Tel. 4741946 or 4330041. The last date for entry is Sept 2.

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ACCOMMODATION

Available

HASSAWI, near the main road. One large room with water and electricity for an Indian or Pakistani Punjabi bachelor to share with an Indian family. Rent KD40. Tel. 4316961, after 9 am - 1 pm, 4-7 pm.

(AT2-48971-2)

KUWAIT city, opp the GP J. Single room for one bachelor preferably non-smoker. Tel. Thomas, 2439177, 8 am - 1 pm, 4-8 pm.

(AT2-48978-2)

REQUIRED Europeans to share a furnished villa in Salwa. Tel. 4717911 Ext 233, 9013310.

(AT1-48957-3)

KUWAIT city near the GPO. Sharing accommodation in a CAC apartment for a couple or executive bachelors from 1st September. Tel. 2406332 and leave message on answering machine.

(AT2-Moe-HU-3)

KUWAIT City, behind the Sharq Fire Station, one room for one or two bachelors. Tel. 2407611, 7-10 pm.

(AT3-49008-3)

SALMIYA, behind Youth Hostel, Mugira Street. One room for a couple or spinsters to share with a family. Bus routes: 14, 15, 19, 109, 505. Tel. 5654076 after 7.30 pm.

(AT3-48994-3)

SALMIYA, near the Indian School. Small room, furnished with kitchen and tele facilities for a single lady. Rent KD45. Tel. 5654307, after 2 pm.

(AT3-48996-3)

SALMIYA, Hamad Al Mubarak Street, near Co-operative Store. 2 spacious rooms for a couple or working ladies. Tel. Sonia, 2468307, 9 am - 1 pm, 4.30 - 9 pm.

(AT3-IS-HU-3)

FOR SALE

Cars

TOYOTA Cressida '82, metallic grey, automatic, AC insured up to June 1990 for immediate sale KD800. Tel. 4830020, 9.30 am - 12 noon, 2441723, 4-7 pm.

(AT3-49002-3)

MITSUBISHI Colt 1984, automatic, insured up to April 1990 in excellent condition KD650 ono cash. Tel. 2646758.

(AT1-48973-3)

CITROEN BX16, 1986, automatic with AC, in very good condition. Tel. 5331100.

(AT3-48992-3)

HONDA ACCORD 1982 model, AC, fully automatic, white with sunroof and 4 doors, insured up to August 1990, in good condition, cash. Tel. Adi 3717286, Res. Time: 10 am - 1 pm, 4-6 pm.

(AT2-48985-2)

OLDSMOBILE 98 Regency Brougham 1985, fully automatic with AC, in very good condition. Tel. 5331100.

(AT3-48991-3)

CITROEN/Prestige 1986, AC, automatic low mileage, in excellent condition. Used by a company's director only. KD1200. Tel. Yaqub 4843075, 4847496, 17 hrs.

(AT1-48963-3)

NISSAN, Bluebird, 1984, red exterior, grey interior, 4 doors, sunroof, AC, fully automatic, 63,000 kms, insured up to March 1990, in very good condition, KD1200. KD200 down payment, 49 per month for 24 months. Tel. 2407677.

(AT3-49006-3)

MITSUBISHI Colt, 1986, 4 doors, AC, blue, automatic, 34,000 kms, insured up to Dec 1989 in very good condition KD1100, KD100 down payment, 49 per month for 24 months. Tel. 5653852.

(AT3-49007-3)

Miscellaneous

COMPUTER Appricot F1E, microvitec cub553 colour monitor, Epson LX80 printer very little used, video camera JVC CX88C good working condition, low price. Tel. 4830118, 8 am - 1 pm, 4865596 Res. after 2 pm.

(AT3-48995-3)

BAR 8 IKEA stools, cutlery, crockery, and assorted plants. Tel. 2524103, 10 am - 2 pm.

(AT3-48998-2)

VARIOUS household items at throwaway prices in Mangaf behind the traffic court, near the Indian School and Blue Beach Laundry, Mubarak Daboo Bldg., 2nd Floor, Flat 4, after 4 pm only.

(AT1-48949-3)

DISHWASHER/ridge/cooker, KD170, carpet/sofa set, 5 pcs, KD250, flat, elegant building in Farwaniya. Rent KD210. Tel. 4749611, 2402540, 1-4 pm and after 8 pm.

(AT2-48988-3)

SITUATIONS

Wanted

MAID, Sri Lankan with good experience, seeks live-in job with an English family and accommodation for husband. Tel. 4893505, 10 am - 1 pm, 6-9 pm.

(AT3-49003-3)

ELECTRICAL engineer, Indian, 9 years power projects experience, presently with Swiss consulting firm, available for immediate employment. Tel. 5624111, Room 910, and leave message.

(AT3-49001-3)

2 SRI LANKAN maids with good experience, seeks full or part-time job with English families. Also baby sitting offered. Tel. 5320443, 8-10 am, 3-7 pm.

(AT1-48901-3)

Vacant

MAID required for a European family. Must like children. Tel. 5621478, 1-2.30 pm.

(AT1-48953-3)

MAID required for a small family without children. Part-time. Tel. 5611239, Res.

(AT2-48983-3)

MAID required, Filipino, to live-in, in Shaab. Must speak English and know cooking. Tel. 2636996.

(AT3-48989-3)

MAID required for a small family, full-time, to live-in. Knowledge of English is must. Tel. Mr. Hashem, 5333692, 5-10 pm.

(AT2-H-HU-3)

SERVICES

Tuition

AN experienced teacher offers pre-school coaching and tuitions for Hindi up to 7th Std at Benard Al Qar, behind the Sahara House. Tel. 2541894, any time.

(AT1-48952-3)

PRE-SCHOOL training for children aged 2-1/2 - 5 given by British qualified nursery teachers in beautiful surroundings in Sulaibikhat. Tel. 4871446.

(AT1-48965-3)

TUITIONS for nursery/kindergarten for pre-schoolers and up to class V given by an experienced and qualified teacher in Fahaheel. Tel. 3919232, 10-11 am, 5-7 pm.

(AT1-48964-3)

FOR RENT

Villas, half villas, flats, complete buildings, offices in all areas in Kuwait with or without swimming pool

Qatar Real Estate
Tel. 2406592,
2406593

WANTED

Radio technicians
Wanted for maintenance of Mobile Radio telephone and various type of radio equipment fixed and base station and capable of climbing up to 280 feet Radio tower - with or without driving licence.
Contact: 3984233, 3984234

Required immediately

Typist/secretary
with good experience in English and Arabic and knowledge of word processing to work in office. The candidate must have driving licence and transferable residence. Call Mr. Berger or Mr. Shalabi Tel. 5518132, 8 am - 1.30 pm, 3.30 - 6.30 pm or write to P.O. Box 4021, 13041 Safat, Kuwait.

New in town?



Check the classified pages of the Arab Times for used cars, boats, furniture and electronics.
The bargains will amaze you.

MARKET PLACE

EXCELLENT pre-school training for ages 2 1/2 - 4 years given by a qualified teacher in Shaab area. Tel. 2562865, (P) after 5 pm.

(AT3-49005-3)

AVAILABLE for pre-school training of young children upto 4 years, given by a qualified Indian. Tel. 5618739, 9 am - 2 pm, 5-9 pm.

(AT6-48936-3)

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Evert set to play her last US Open

NEW YORK, Aug. 27, (AP) — Eighteen years, five presidents and two marriages after playing her first US Open, Chris Evert is about to play her last.

Evert, who is retiring at the end of the season, will close out her Grand Slam career at the tournament where she first came to prominence as a 16-year-old semifinalist in 1971.

The US Open, which starts tomorrow at the national tennis center, has been Evert's main stage ever since. She has won it six times — most recently in 1982 — and reached at least the semifinals in all but one of her 18 appearances.

Evert is the tournament's all-time leader in singles victories (97), singles matches played (108) and most years as the No. 1 seed (7). She shares the record for most years as a US Open seed (18) with Jimmy Connors.

Evert is seeded fourth this year, behind defending champion Steffi Graf, four-time winner Martina Navratilova and Gabriela Sabatini. She would love to go out with a seventh title, but she admits her chances are slim.

"A couple of friends recently told me they didn't even want me to play the Open," Evert says in the current Sports Illustrated. "They wanted to remember me by that final wave on Centre Court after I lost to Steffi in the semis at Wimbledon."

"I understand why they feel that way but, hey, I want to play till I run out of gas. At least let me make the decision."

While Evert is on her way out, four-time US Open champion John McEnroe is on his way back up.

McEnroe is having his best year since 1985 and has climbed to No. 4 in the world rankings. He has won 34 of 39 matches and three titles this year, including a recent victory at the US Hardcourt Championships in Indianapolis.

Although McEnroe still has a trigger temper, he controls it better than he used to.

"I used to play better when I was angry, but I don't need that kind of motivation anymore," he said.

McEnroe, 30, hasn't won a Grand Slam title since the 1984 US Open. But he played impressively in his last major tournament, reaching the semifinals at Wimbledon before losing to Stefan Edberg.

Edberg has lost the last two Grand Slam finals, to Michael Chang at the French Open and Boris Becker at Wimbledon. The Swede is seeded third at the US Open, behind Ivan Lendl and Becker and just ahead of McEnroe.

Lendl's bid for a fourth consecutive US Open title was stopped by Mats Wilander in last year's final. If Lendl repeats the championship match again, he will tie the tournament record of eight consecutive finals set by Bill Tilden from 1918-25.

Becker withdrew from a warm-up tournament last week because of a back injury, but is expected to be ready for the Open. The West German has won three Wimbledon titles, but has never gotten past the semifinals at the Open.

After winning three of the four Grand Slams last year and taking over the No. 1 ranking, Wilander has failed to win a tournament in 1989 and slipped to No. 5.

Following Wilander in the seedings are Americans Andre Agassi, Chang, Brad Gilbert and Tim Mayotte.

Like Wilander, Andre Agassi is winless on the Grand Prix circuit this year, following a sensational 1988 season. He reached the final at the Italian Open, but blew a match point and lost a five-setter to Alberto Mancini.

Chang's victory in Paris made him the youngest male (17 years, 3 months) to win a Grand Slam singles title. His best hardcourt result this year was a semifinal showing in Memphis.

Gilbert is the hottest player on the tour with a 17-match winning streak, including consecutive victories over Chang, Becker and Edberg at last week's ATP Championship. The title was Gilbert's third in three weeks, making him the first player to accomplish the feat since Becker in 1986.

In the women's competition, Graf is favored to reach her 11th straight Grand Slam final. The West German has lost only two matches this year, to Gabriela Sabatini at Amelia Island and Arantxa Sanchez at the French Open.

Ivanisevic surprises Agassi in semifinals

PRINCETON, New Jersey, Aug. 27, (UPI) — Top seed Andre Agassi was upset by 17-year-old Goran Ivanisevic of Yugoslavia 6-4, 6-1, in yesterday's semifinals of the \$54,000 New Jersey Bell Invitational.

In the other semifinal, Andrei Cherkasov of the Soviet Union, who replaced an injured Sergio Bruguera of Spain on Thursday, rallied from one set and a service break down to beat David Wheaton 5-7, 6-4, 6-1.

Agassi, ranked sixth in the world, was unable to handle the big serves and wicked groundstrokes launched by Ivanisevic, who said he played the best tennis of his career.

Leading 4-1 in the second set but trailing 0-40 in the sixth game, Ivanisevic stunned Agassi by striking a service winner followed by four straight aces. He finished the match with a total of nine aces, compared with five by Agassi.

"He was hitting so well that I couldn't control the points," said Agassi, seeded sixth in next week's US Open.

Wheaton, controlling play from the net, came back from a 2-5 deficit in the opening set and won eight straight games to go ahead 3-0 in the second.

Sanchez stuns Sabatini for finals

Navratilova sails past Minter



Navratilova hits a backhand to Minter during their match. (Reuter wirephoto)

TORONTO, Aug. 27, (Reuter) — Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario had to rally to beat Gabriela Sabatini in a semifinal yesterday but topped Martina Navratilova breezed by Australian Anne Minter to reach the finals of the Canadian Open tennis championships.

Sanchez-Vicario, winner of the French Open this year, beat her Argentine opponent 3-6 7-5 6-3 and Navratilova continued her tenuous for the US Open which begins next week by beating up Minter 6-0 6-2.

After struggling all week with a balky first serve, Navratilova, a three-time Canadian champion, served superbly and volleyed masterfully in her 6-0 6-2 dismissal of unseeded Australian Anne Minter.

"I got the rhythm back on my serve," Navratilova said, explaining that she had watched a replay of the Friday match in which she'd lost her serve six times — twice on double faults — and adjusted her toss-and-shoulder turn.

While Navratilova coasted into the final in 62 minutes, Sanchez-Vicario needed nearly three hours to notch her first win in eight attempts against the 19-year-old Sabatini.

As she did against West German Steffi Graf in the French Open final, the 17-year-old Sanchez-Vicario refused to quit — despite having had her serve broken six times to 6-3 5-1.

Two games later, after saving the match point with a scintillating cross court winner, Sanchez-Vicario clenched her first and shouted, "vamos" (let's go).

Go she did — non-stop, motoring tirelessly about the court, running down balls and refusing to surrender even though Sabatini, the second seed and defending Canadian champion, outplayed her for much of the see-saw final set in which neither player held serve for the first four games.

In the final five games, Sabatini tired and was attacked by periodic pain from a cramp in her right hand.

"My hand was not the only reason I lost ... I have to admit she started playing very well. She started fighting," Sabatini said.



Sanchez raises her arms in victory after defeating Sabatini. (Reuter wirephoto)

Pernfors thrashes Courier Lendl outlasts Chesnokov

JERICHO, N.Y., Aug. 27, (Reuter) — Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia had to scramble to beat Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union 7-5 7-6 in the semifinals of the Hamlet Challenge Cup tennis tournament yesterday.

Chesnokov forced Lendl, the top-ranked player in the world, to set points in each set. Lendl said that despite his unsteady play he was not worried as he nears the US Open title.

"The Open will be a different story," Lendl said. "I'm looking forward to it. It should be fun."

Lendl, who faced Mikael Pernfors of Sweden in today's Hamlet final, blamed most of his problems today on "light conditions" and "lack of concentration."

Pernfors won his semifinal, whipping American Jim Courier, 6-4 6-1, in a quick 61-minute duel between unseeded players.

Pernfors, 25th in the world, broke Courier's service in the seventh game of the first set and the opening game of the second set before running out the last four games of the match.

Pernfors, a former two-time National Collegiate Athletic Association champion and a losing finalist to Lendl in the 1986 French Open, never faced a break point on his serve.

Lendl, meanwhile, found himself facing various problems.

"I started badly today with very bright sunny conditions that I had to adjust to," Lendl said. "That took me awhile. I couldn't keep my concentration because

of the conditions. Also, this was my first match against Chesnokov and it takes time to adjust to his game and see what he is doing."

Lendl, who produced six straight errors, including a double fault, to start the match, settled down and won the last four games of the first set.

Ahead 4-2 in the second set after it appeared he had solved Chesnokov's first service he lost his own serve at love in the seventh game, committing a double fault at break point. They then duelled into the tiebreaker at 6-6.

Chesnokov, ranked 18th, had three set points in the tiebreaker at 6-5, 7-6 and 8-7 but couldn't convert them.

Lendl got his first match point

at 9-8 with his sixth ace of the match and broke Chesnokov's serve by forcing an error in a ground stroke duel.

"The match should have been shorter," Lendl said. "I should have put him away when I had him 4-2 in the second set."

Chesnokov, impressive with quickness that enabled to make seemingly impossible returns, kept Lendl off balance in the seventh game.

"I had a chance to win one set if not both. I wasn't aggressive when I had the set points," said Chesnokov, who reached the semifinals of the French Open this year. "I thought I played good but I know I can play better. I think Lendl didn't play good today."

Perez retains bantamweight crown

TALCAHUANO, Chile, Aug. 27, (Reuter) — Mexico's Raul Perez retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) bantamweight title yesterday when Cardenio Ulloa of Chile abandoned the fight at the start of the eighth round.

The 32-year-old challenger, 10 years older than Perez, received a one-centimetre (half-inch) gash on the right eyebrow in the fifth of the 12 scheduled rounds.

Making the most of his three-inch (8-cm) reach advantage, Perez pounded Ulloa from the start with right and left jabs to the head. In the second round he

knocked him on to the ropes. Ulloa's nose began bleeding in the third round and in the fifth Perez's powerful left opened a cut on his right brow.

Referee Simon de Lima of Venezuela called a doctor to examine the gash over Ulloa's swollen right eye, but allowed the fight to continue.

His face smeared with blood, Ulloa went another two rounds before throwing in the towel at the beginning of round eight, when he did not come out from his corner.

Karpov beats Nikolic

SKELLEFTIA, Sweden, Aug. 27, (Reuter) — Former world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union defeated Yugoslavia's Predrag Nikolic yesterday to move alongside compatriot Garry Kasparov at the top of the World Cup tournament after 10 rounds.

Karpov, playing white, sacrificed two pawns to gain a winning advantage over the Yugoslavian in a game of more than 43 moves.

Karpov shares the tournament lead on 6.5 points with Kasparov, the world champion, who was lucky to save a draw against Briton John Nunn in 42 moves.

Results of round 10: Ulf Andersson (Sweden) beat Rafael Vaganian (Soviet Union). Garry Kasparov (Soviet Union) drew with John Nunn (Britain). Anatoly Karpov (Soviet Union) beat Predrag Nikolic (Yugoslavia). Gyuha Sax (Hungary) beat Jaan Ehivest (Soviet Union). Robert Hubner (West Germany) drew with Zoltan Ribli (Hungary). Mikhail Tal (Soviet Union) drew with Viktor Korchnoi (Switzerland). Nigel Short (Britain) drew with Yasser Seirawan (US). Valery Salov (Soviet Union) adjourned against Lajos Portisch (Hungary).



Anatoly Karpov

Bordeaux slump to first defeat



Three Marseille players and one Racing Paris player (right) jump to head the ball. (Reuter wirephoto)

PARIS, Aug. 27, (Reuter) — A second half strike by Fabrice Divert for hosts Caen sent leaders Bordeaux crashing to their first French Soccer League defeat of the season yesterday.

However, Bordeaux stayed top on goal difference from Paris St Germain, who won 1-0 at Brest.

Both Bordeaux, whose match was held up repeatedly by floodlighting breakdowns, and second-placed Paris St Germain have 11 points from seven games.

On the Brittany coast, bottom club Brest were beaten by an 83rd minute goal from PSG's Yugoslav libero Safet Susic.

In the capital, mid-table Racing Paris and defending champions Marseille battled grimly to a 1-1 draw.

Thierry Fournier put Racing Paris ahead in the 36th minute with a penalty kick but Marseille equalised after 67 minutes through Bruno Germain.

The draw left Marseille, who did the League and Cup double last season, in third place ahead of Toulon on goal difference.

Toulon won 2-0 at home to Monaco with goals from Yugoslav Milos Bursac and Philippe Anziani in the 16th and 61st minutes.

Results						
Caen	1	Bordeaux	0			
Racing Paris	1	Marseille	1			
Brest	0	PSG	1			
Sochaux	0	Auxerre	0			
Metz	1	Nantes	1			
Toulon	2	Monaco	0			
Nice	1	Toulouse	1			
Montpellier	2	Lyon	0			
Lille	1	Mulhouse	1			
St Etienne	1	Cannes	0			
Standings (tablets under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points)						
Bordeaux	7	5	1	1	9	21
Paris SG	7	5	1	1	7	11
Marseille	7	4	2	1	12	6
Toulon	7	4	2	1	8	10
Sochaux	7	4	1	2	10	9
Nantes	7	3	3	1	13	9
Monaco	7	2	4	1	6	8
Mulhouse	7	3	0	4	9	6
Auxerre	7	2	2	3	7	6
Metz	7	1	3	3	10	5
Lyon	7	3	0	4	10	6
Racing Paris	7	2	2	3	7	15
St Etienne	7	2	1	4	6	5
Caen	7	1	3	3	8	5
Caenns	7	2	1	4	9	12
Caen	7	2	1	4	7	11
Lille	7	1	2	4	4	9
Brest	7	2	0	5	3	9

Devoyn and Dittmar win titles

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Aug. 27, (Reuter) — World number one Susan Devoy won her sixth consecutive New Zealand Open women's squash title today with a hard-fought victory over Australian Danielle Drady.

The all-Australian men's final went to top seed Chris Dittmar, who defeated world number four Rodney Martin.

Devoyn, a New Zealander, took 80 minutes to overcome 21-year-old Drady 2-9 9-5, 8-10 9-4 9-0. After the match, she praised Drady's performance, saying she had played well above her world ranking.

"Danielle may be ranked number seven but she played like number two today," said Devoy. "I don't think I have slipped but the standard is higher and I have to work that much harder."

Drady, who knocked out world champion martine Le Moignan of England in the semifinals, got off to a storming start in the first game, scoring three times from a backhand drop — for so long a Devoy trademark.

Devoyn shrugged off her nervousness to fight back in the second game. But Drady was not finished, surviving a Devoy game ball at 8-6 to take the third.

Devoyn reacted aggressively to the reverse, taking the fourth game comfortably and the fifth in a six-minute whitewash.

The men's final lacked the tension of the women's match but both Australians produced brilliant shot-making. Dittmar, one place ahead of Martin in the world rankings, took the title with a 13-15 15-17 15-6 17-16 win.

Benfica draw

LISBON, Aug. 27, (Reuter) — Champions Benfica, weakened by the absence of their star Brazilian players, fought out a lacklustre 1-1 draw at Guimaraes on the second weekend of the Portuguese soccer season.

Guimaraes' Brazilian Caio Junior scored with a header in the 11th minute, capitalising on the absence of Benfica defenders Ricardo Raimundo and Aldair Santos.

Azinger, Frost and Stewart tie for lead

AKRON, Ohio, Aug. 27, (Reuter) — Paul Azinger, Payne Stewart and David Frost managed to edge ahead of the field in the tight race for the \$1 million World Series of Golf championship yesterday.

Azinger had a three-under-par 67, Stewart a 68 and Frost a 69 as they tied for the lead at three-under-par 207.

Greg Norman of Australia, Ben Crenshaw and Steve Jones are tied for fourth place at two-under-par 208. Norman is bidding to win his second straight tournament following his victory at the International last weekend in Colorado. Crenshaw is after his first victory of the year. Jones, meanwhile, hopes to become the first four-time winner on the tour this year.

Defending champion Mike Reid had a share of the lead until he double bogeyed the long 16th and dropped back to one-under-par 209. He was tied with Corey Pavin and Larry Mize.

Azinger said: "Today was exceptional for me. I made a slight adjustment in my stance (from slightly open to square) and it made a tremendous difference. It helped me a bunch."

Azinger birdied four of his first eight holes and then added two bogeys and a lone birdie on the incoming nine for his 67.

Crenshaw, who led after the first and second rounds, could only manage his second-straight 72 after an opening 64. Norman, after a 65 on Friday, had a 70 yesterday for his 69.

Nick Faldo of Britain continued to be the best of the European contingent. His 73 gave him a three-over-par 213 and a tie for 13th place with Scott Hoch, the man he defeated in April for the Masters title.

Ronan Rafferty of Northern Ireland was tied for 19th place at six-over-par 216. Chris Moody of Britain was at 220. Sandy Lyle was at 225 after a 77. Briton Ian Woosnam also had a 77 for a 227 total.



Philadelphia's Len Dykstra falls on his back while avoiding a wild pitch during a National League match against the Dodgers. (Reuter wirephoto)

Williams takes Giants past Expos

NEW YORK, Aug. 27, (AP) — Matt Williams hit a three-run homer as the San Francisco Giants beat the Montreal Expos 8-3 yesterday. The first-place Giants now lead Houston by five games in the National League West.

Scott Garrelts, 10-3 and unbeaten since June 25, allowed four hits in 7 1-3 innings, struck out seven and walked two. He improved his record at San Francisco's Candlestick Park to 7-1 this season.

He outpitched Montreal's Mark Langston, 10-5, who entered the game as the National League ERA leader at 2.15.

Braves 5, Cubs 3
Jeff Blauser had the first two-homer game of his career and reliever Sergio Valdez earned his first Major League victory as Atlanta beat slumping Chicago.

The loss was the seventh in the eight games for the first-place Cubs.

Oddie McDowell opened the game with his third homer and Blauser homered to start a two-run fourth off loser Rick Sutcliffe, 13-10, as the Braves took a 4-0 lead. Blauser also homered in the eighth to give him eight for the season.

Cardinals 5, Astros 3
Terry Pendleton homered for

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Chang triumphs

WILMINGTON, Delaware, Aug. 27, (UPI) — Michael Chang and Jay Berger posted three-set victories yesterday to advance to the final of the \$54,000 Wilmington Tennis Classic.

Chang, the 17-year-old French Open champion eliminated seventh-seeded Miloslav Meir of Czechoslovakia, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2. Berger, the fifth seed, defeated defending champion and sixth-seeded Emilio Sanchez of Spain, 7-6 (6-2), 5-7, 6-1.

Alamo Cup

ATLANTA, Aug. 27, (AP) — The American men's team finished in three of the final five events and Olympian Janet Evans yesterday became the first woman in the history of the USA-USSR series to win three individual events as the US cruised to a 201-136 victory at the Alamo Cup dual swimming meet.

Little League

WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania, Aug. 27, (AP) — Trumbull, Connecticut, became the first American team since 1983 to win the Little League World Series, beating Kaohsiung, Taiwan, 5-2 yesterday behind Chris Drury's five-hitter.

Waltrip wins

BRISTOL, Tennessee, Aug. 27, (AP) — Darrell Waltrip ran away with last night's Busch 500 Nascar stock car race, earning his 11th career victory at Bristol International Raceway.

Cup qualifier

CAIRO, Aug. 27, (Reuter) — Egypt beat Kenya 2-0 (halftime 0-0) in their World Cup African group second round soccer qualifier here yesterday. Scorers: Hisham Abdel Rassoul (58th minute), Ibrahim Hassan (62nd).

Scoreless tie

LILONGWE, Malawi, Aug. 27, (AP) — Liberia and Malawi played a scoreless tie in a World Cup Group B soccer qualifying match before a crowd of 20,000 at Civo stadium yesterday.

Women's golf

LAKE LANIER ISLANDS, Ga., Aug. 27, (Reuter) — Betsy King shot a two-under-par 70 to take a one-stroke lead over Patty Sheehan and Pat Bradley at the \$265,000 Women's World Championship of Golf yesterday.

Play suspended

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Aug. 27, (Reuter) — Rain forced suspension of the third round of play in the \$500,000 Chattanooga Classic Golf Tournament yesterday with American Brian Mogg leading by a stroke after 54 holes.

Charles leads

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, Aug. 27, (AP) — Bob Charles shot a 3-under-par 69 yesterday and remained on track for a bit of personal history in the Charley Pride Senior Tournament.

First victory

SUGO, Japan, Aug. 27, (Reuter) — Australia's Michael Dowson battled through stormy weather caused by a typhoon to score his first victory in the World Superbike Championship today.

Dowson, who finished second in the first race, led from midway through the second lap on a Yamaha to win the second race of the seventh leg of the 11-round series.

Japan triumph

TOKYO, Aug. 27, (AP) — Japan beat the Soviet Union 3-1 today to capture the international football games for boys for the second-straight year. The Soviet Union finished second.

Duncan upset

SAN MARINO, Italy, Aug. 27, (AP) — Jose Francisco Altur of Spain upset second-seeded Lawson Duncan 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 yesterday in the semifinals of the San Marino clay court tennis tournament.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Ashford wins

SAPPORO, Japan, Aug. 27. (AP): Evelyn Ashford of the United States, the Seoul Olympic silver medalist, won the women's 100 metres in 11.05 seconds at the Chuhei Nambu Memorial track and field meet yesterday.

Public opinion

NEW YORK, Aug. 27. (AP): Two out of three Americans think Pete Rose should be admitted into baseball's Hall of Fame despite his banishment from the game for gambling, according to a Newsweek poll released yesterday.

Former champion

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 27. (AP): Former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier was hospitalized after a traffic accident, but is expected to be released tomorrow, his manager said. Frazier, 45, was driving to his Philadelphia gym last Sunday when his limousine was hit from behind by another vehicle, manager Burt Watson said.

Equestrian venue

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Aug. 27. (Reuters): The Spanish island of Majorca has been ruled out as an alternative venue for the 1992 Olympic equestrian events. Olympic chief Juan Antonio Samaranch said yesterday.

Sunderland win

LONDON, Aug. 27. (Reuters): Result of an English League Second Division soccer match played today: Sunderland 2 Middlesbrough 1.

Marathon race

SAPPORO, Japan, Aug. 27. (AP): Hiromi Taniguchi of Japan outpaced 1988 Boston marathon champion Ibrahim Hussein of Kenya in the men's race and Lorraine Moller of New Zealand won the women's race in the Hokkaido marathon today.

52nd victory

SHIMAZU, Japan, Aug. 27. (AP): Tetsu Sugiyama shot a four-under-par 68 and won the \$714,000 Daiwa-KBC Augusta tournament by two strokes today. It was his 52nd career victory.

'No contest'

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 27. (AP): Professional boxer Guadalupe "Lupé" Aquino has pleaded no contest to vehicular manslaughter charges in an accident in which two passengers in his Mercedes-Benz were killed. Aquino, 26, of Santa Paula, California, agreed to a plea bargain Friday, the day he was to be tried in a US court in Santa Monica, California.

Walking event

VARAZDIN, Yugoslavia, Aug. 27. (AP): Valentin Masov of Spain won the 10-kilometre walking event at the 10th European Junior Track and Field Championships yesterday, clocking 40 minutes and 14.17 seconds.

Match postponed

HAMBURG, West Germany, Aug. 27. (UPI): Heavy overnight rain washed out today's final of the 4th European Championships of American Football. Organisers said that the tournament finale between Britain and Finland could not be played due to standing water on the pitch at Hamburg's Wilhelm-Koch stadium. It will now be played tomorrow morning.

Dutch soccer

THE HAGUE, Aug. 27. (Reuters): Results of Dutch First Division soccer matches played today:

Ajax	3	MY Maastricht	0
Nec Nijmegen	1	PSV Eindhoven	4
Roda JC	2	RKC Waalwijk	0
EVV Den Bosch	2	FC Utrecht	0
FC Groningen	0	Fortuna	0
Sparta	1	Vitesse	1
Den Haag	1	FC Twente	1
Haarlem	3	Feijenoord	1

1,000 Lakes

JYVASKYLÄ, Finland, Aug. 27. (Reuters): Sweden's Mikael Ericsson in a Mitsubishi won the 1,000 Lakes motor rally today, according to unofficial results. Finland's Timo Salonen was second in a Mazda one minute 40 seconds behind. Carlos Sainz of Spain was third in a Toyota Celica.

Lemond wins

CHAMBERY, France, Aug. 27. (AP): American Greg Lemond captured the professional title of the World Cycling Championships today with a final burst over the last 300 metres to add to his Tour de France title this year.

Ban athletes who compete in S. Africa: Olympic leaders

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Aug. 27. (Reuters): An Olympic ban should be imposed on athletes who compete in South Africa, Olympic leaders said yesterday.

Speaking after a three-hour meeting, Australian Kevin Gosper, a member of the executive board of the International

Olympic Committee (IOC), told reporters: "There was deep concern that apartheid still continues in sport. The message was very clear: that the door should be closed to South Africa until they remove apartheid from sport."

The meeting of the IOC's apartheid commission was scheduled to resume today to formulate a recommendation to be put to the executive board.

Although the majority of the 30 sports on the summer and Winter Olympic programmes have banned competition against South Africans, tennis still maintains links with the

white-ruled republic.

However, a move to bar South Africa from the International Tennis Federation (ITF) is to be made at the ITF's annual meeting in Buenos Aires next month.

The opening session of the apartheid commission marked the start of a week-

long series of IOC meetings in San Juan.

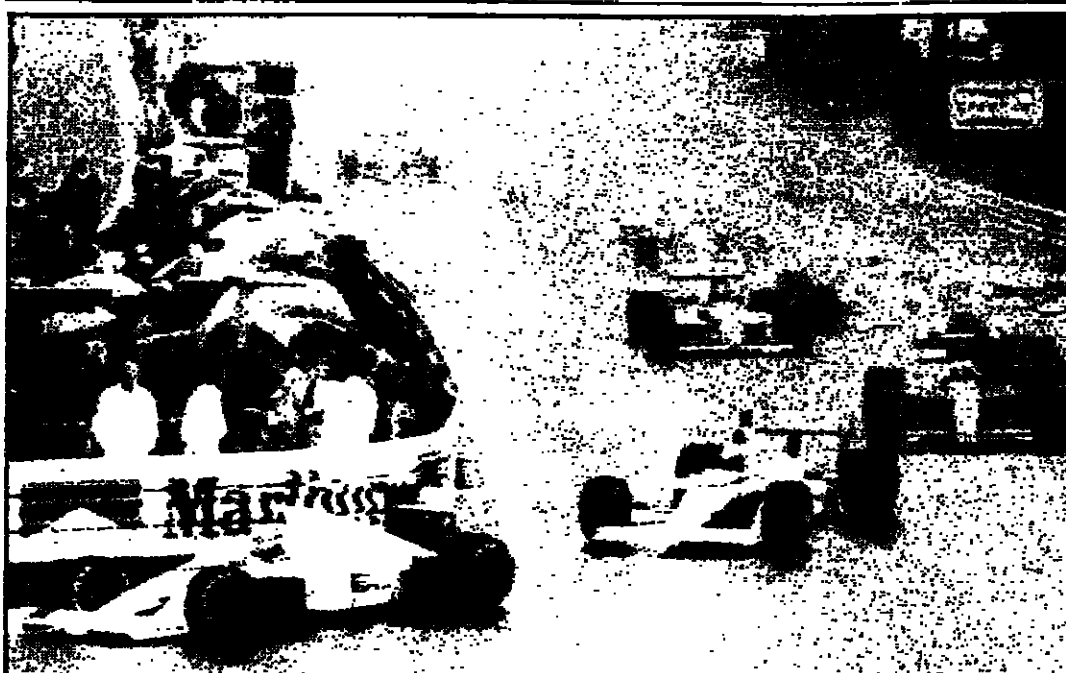
"The mood of the meeting was that any athletes who insist on playing in South Africa should not be allowed to compete in the Olympic Games," Gosper said.

The meeting felt there should be no normal contact with South Africa until apartheid in sport had been eliminated, he added.

Gosper said the meeting also expressed concern about the current international rugby tour of South Africa and a proposed visit by a rebel England cricket team next year.

Senna wins Belgian Grand Prix

Prost holds off Mansell for 2nd place



Senna leads the pack at the start of the race. (Reuters wirephoto)

Warwick, celebrating his 35th birthday, who finished sixth in an Arrows.

The race was run in extremely

wet and treacherous conditions and the start was delayed by 30 minutes to enable the track, flooded in places, to be swept

clear before the start.

Once the race began, Senna took a predictable lead with Prost and Mansell immediately

falling behind amid the spiralling clouds of spray around the 6,940-km Spa-Francorchamps circuit in the Ardennes forest.

All the drivers began the race on wet tyres and only a few dared to change to slicks at mid-distance. Prost set the fastest lap on his last circuit as he fended off Mansell's desperate challenge for the runners-up spot.

There were several incidents with many cars spinning and skidding off but no drivers were injured.

Standings

World Drivers' Championship standings (after 11 rounds): 1. Alain Prost (France) 62 points; 2. Ayrton Senna (Brazil) 51 points; 3. Nigel Mansell (Britain) 38 points; 4. Riccardo Patrese (Italy) 25 points; 5. Thierry Boutsen (Belgium) 20 points; 6. Alessandro Nannini (Italy) 14 points; 7. Nelson Piquet (Brazil) 9 points; 8. Elio de Angelis (Italy) 8 points; 9. Eddie Cheever (US) 6 points; 10. Derek Warwick (Britain) 6 points; 11. Johnny Herbert (Britain) 5 points; 12. Stefan Johansson (Sweden) 4 points; 13. Stefano Modena (Italy) 3 points; 14. Andrea de Cesaris (Italy) 3 points; 15. Alex Caffi (Italy) 2 points; 16. Elio de Angelis (Italy) 1 point; 17. Jean Alesi (France) 1 point; 18. Elio de Angelis (Italy) 1 point; 19. Rene Arnoux (France) 1 point; 20. Pierluigi Martini (Italy) 1 point; 21. Elio de Angelis (Italy) 1 point; 22. Elio de Angelis (Italy) 1 point; 23. Elio de Angelis (Italy) 1 point; 24. Elio de Angelis (Italy) 1 point; 25. Elio de Angelis (Italy) 1 point; 26. Elio de Angelis (Italy) 1 point; 27. Elio de Angelis (Italy) 1 point; 28. Elio de Angelis (Italy) 1 point; 29. Elio de Angelis (Italy) 1 point; 30. Elio de Angelis (Italy) 1 point.

Voraphon routs Tintus for gold

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Aug. 27. (AP): Thailand's Voraphon Thongkhamoo beat defending champion Tintus Arianto Wibowo of Indonesia for the men's singles tennis gold medal, but Indonesians won both gold and silver in the women's singles today in the Southeast Asian Games.

Voraphon beat Wibowo 6-3, 6-3 in 67 minutes, leaving Tintus with the silver medal.

"I played very well today and controlled the court most of the time," said Voraphon.

Thailand had collected the

first tennis gold medal in the team event on Wednesday, defeating the Philippines 2-1.

Malaysia took the men's singles bronze as V. Selvan beat Suharyadi of Indonesia 6-2, 6-2.

In the all-Indonesian women's singles final, Nani Rahayu Basuki beat Suzana Arianto Wibowo 6-2, 2-1 when Suzana retired in the second set, complaining of stomach pains.

Orawan Thampensari of Thailand took the bronze medal, defeating compatriot Sakolwan Kacharon 6-4, 6-2.



Czechoslovakian GP

Reinhold Ritt of West Germany (No. 5) on his way to victory in yesterday's Czechoslovakian 250cc Grand Prix Motorcycling race in Brno. He is followed by Masahiro Shimizu of Japan who finished 2nd. In the 500cc event, Kevin Schwantz of the United States, riding a Suzuki, finished first. Compatriot Eddie Lawson finished 2nd on a Honda while another American Wayne Rainey, riding a Yamaha, was third. (Reuters wirephoto)

End in sight for Gower and England

LONDON, Aug. 27. (Reuters): David Gower faces one last challenge at the Oval tomorrow before he can say a relieved farewell to the victorious Australians and, possibly, his job as England captain.

Gower, 43 not out when play was washed out yesterday, will resume his innings after today's rest day with England needing another 145 runs to save the follow-on and avoid the spectre of a 5-0 defeat in the six-Test series.

Chasing Australia's first innings total of 468, England wobbled to 124 for 6, with Terry Alderman taking four for 34 despite requiring oxygen during play to ease a breathing problem.

In a dismal summer for England, a draw would be almost as welcome as a victory for Gower, who stands on the threshold of more unwanted records.

If Australia can force victory over the final two days, Gower will become the first England captain to lose three series by 5-0 margins. Only one England captain, Johnny Douglas in 1920-21, has lost a series 5-0 to Australia.

Whether England lose or draw, Gower's tenure as captain looks certain to end only 145 days after he accepted the job for the second time in his career.

In his 106th Test and with over 7,300 runs behind him, Gower's status as a high-class international batsman is undisputed.

The Australians, meanwhile, are determined to maintain their

winning habit right to the end. Coach Bobby Simpson revealed that Alderman had been suffering from a bronchial complaint since the fifth Test at Trent Bridge but was determined not to miss the Oval match.

"Terry has been struggling with his chest problem for the last fortnight but there was never any question of him pulling out of the final Test," said Simpson. "Winning has become a habit for us and everyone is determined it is one we are not going to break."

Alderman has now taken 38 wickets in the series, just four short of his own Australian record in an Ashes series set in 1981.

Gullit out for six weeks

MILAN, Italy, Aug. 27. (Reuters): Dutch soccer captain Ruud Gullit is expected to be out of action for at least six weeks because of a knee injury that has plagued him since April.

European champions AC Milan said today.

The club said Gullit's Milan and Netherlands team-mate Marco van Basten, the Italian League's top foreign goal scorer with Brazilian Careca last

season, may also miss up to three weeks of soccer because of tendinitis.

Both were absent from team's lineup against Cesena on the first day of the Italian League season and will also miss Milan's opening match in defence of their European crown at home to HJK Helsinki on September 13.

Gullit, who has had surgery on his right knee twice in four months after cartilage damage, was

examined by specialists in Belgium on Friday for continued swelling of the joint.

Results

Ascoli	0	Napoli	1
Atalanta	1	Parma	1
Bari	1	Fiorentina	1
Cesena	0	AC Milan	3
Genoa	1	Lecce	0
Inter	2	Cremone	1
Juventus	1	Bologna	1
Lazio	0	Sampdoria	2
Udinese	1	Roma	1

Canizares gets Ryder Cup place

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Aug. 27. (Reuters): Jose-Maria Canizares birdied the final two holes at the German Open golf tournament today to pip Bernhard Langer for the ninth and last automatic place on Europe's Ryder Cup team to face the United States next month.

The tournament title went to Australian Craig Parry, who won a sudden death playoff against Mark James of Britain with a par on the second extra hole when James three-putted for a bogey five.

Parry shot a seven-under-par final round of 64 while James, the overnight leader who has already clinched a Cup spot, had 70.

Spaniard Canizares, who closed with a 69 after his record-tying third round of 62 yesterday, shared fifth place with West German Langer, who returned a 65, and American Jerry Haas.

Langer was expected to be given one of Ryder Cup captain Tony Jacklin's three discretionary positions on the team later today.

Wolverines top college football poll

NEW YORK, Aug. 27. (AP): Michigan's football team is picking up where Michigan's basketball team left off — No. 1 in the country. Five months after winning the NCAA Basketball Championships, the Wolverines are the preseason pick as the nation's top college football team in the Associated Press' top 25 poll.

Michigan received 23 first-place votes and 1,439 points to edge defending national champion Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish were ranked No. 1 on 20 ballots and received 1,378 points.

The only other teams receiving first-place votes were Nebraska (10), Miami (4), Southern California (1) and Florida State (2).

Nebraska is ranked third, followed by Miami, Southern Cal, Florida State, Louisiana State, Auburn, UCLA and Arkansas.

Penn State, coming off its first losing season in 50 years, is ranked 11th. Next are Clemson, Syracuse, Colorado, Oklahoma, Alabama, West Virginia, Arizona, Brigham Young, Pittsburgh, Houston, Illinois, Iowa, North Carolina State and Ohio State.

The AP is expanding its rankings from 20 to 25 teams this season. Sixty sports writers and sportscasters vote in the weekly poll, which awards 25 points for first place, 24 for second and so on.

This is the second time Michigan has been ranked No. 1 in the preseason poll, which started in 1950. The Wolverines also were the top pick in 1981, but they lost their opener to Wisconsin, went 9-3 and finished 12th in the final rankings.

The only team Michigan finished first in the final poll was 1948. Since Schembechler became coach in 1969, the Wolverines' best final ranking was No. 2 in 1985.

Notre Dame, which has won eight national championships, opens its season Thursday night against Virginia in the kickoff classic. The Fighting Irish have lost several key players because of injuries, academics and disciplinary problems, but plenty of talent returns from last year's undefeated team.

Nebraska has never won a national championship but the Cornhuskers lead the nation with 27 consecutive winning seasons, 20 straight bowl appearances and 20 seasons in a row with at least nine wins.

Foster skittles out Northants

LONDON, Aug. 27. (Reuters): Neil Foster, lost to the England Test team after joining the rebel tour of South Africa, took a season's best seven for 105 for Essex County Championship contenders Essex against Northamptonshire yesterday.

Foster bowled unchanged throughout the home side's first innings of 227 to secure Essex a lead of 97.

But rain, conspicuous by its absence this summer, restricted play to just over two hours on the third day of the four-day match, Essex finishing on 46 for three, 143 in front.

Mike Gatting, captain of the rebel England side, will have to resort to some imaginative captaincy against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge to maintain Middlesex's title challenge.

Gatting's bold approach with the bat yesterday was largely nullified by a torrential downpour which flooded the pitch and



Neil Foster



Mike Gatting

prevented play for four hours.

Gatting cracked 14 fours and a six in his 120-ball innings of 83 and shared a second-wicket stand of 117 with Desmond Haynes, who finished on 75 not out, as Middlesex reached 204 for two in their first innings — 104 behind.

Championship leaders Wor-

cestershire were kept in the field until after lunch on the third day against Somerset and then made a disastrous start in reply to Somerset's first innings 338.

Openers Paul Bent and Tim Curtis went for nought and one respectively, but Graeme Hick and Damian D'Oliveira repaired the damage with a third-wicket

stand of 153.

Results

At Old Trafford: no play — rain. Lancashire 305 in 93.4 overs, Surrey 24 for one after 13 overs.

The following matches were interrupted by rain or bad light:

At Chesterfield: Yorkshire 136 in 39.5 overs and 117 for three, Derbyshire 102 in 35 overs.

At Folkestone: Leicestershire 498 in 149.5 overs, Kent 264 in 75 overs (T. Ward 78, R. Pennar 72, M. Benson 42) and 32 for no wicket.

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 308 in 107.1 overs, Middlesex 204 for two after 66.1 overs (M. Gatting 83, D. Haynes 75 not out).

At Northampton: Essex 324 in 88.2 overs and 46 for three, Northamptonshire 227 in 69 overs (D. Ripley 49 not out, N. Foster seven for 105).

At Swansea: Warwickshire 430 in 125.5 overs, Glamorgan 131 in 56.1 overs (T. Munton four for 33, D. Reeve three for 27) and 125 for one (H. Morris 84 not out).

At Worcester: Somerset 338 in 145.5 overs (G. Rose 50 not out, S. Lampitt four for 89, S. McEwan four for 111) and two for no wicket, Worcestershire 200 for five declared in 61.2 overs (G. Hick 86, D. D'Oliveira 63).

At Hove: Gloucestershire 133 in 44.4 overs and 363 for nine (K. Curran 117 not out, J. Lloyd 43, M. Alleyne 41), Sussex 323 in 107.1 overs.

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